

2026-2027

SOAR OHIO EXPERIENCE

LEADING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION PROMISE

SOAR Ohio is evolving next year with a refreshed experience that supports superintendents and their teams as they turn the Public Education Promise into real, measurable progress in their districts. The 2026-2027 experience is designed to help you build momentum, deepen leadership practice, and accelerate district transformation.



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

A Clear and Purposeful Focus

SOAR remains centered on one purpose: helping district teams lead action research that advances the Public Education Promise in ways aligned to Ohio's context.

Four Core Goals for Every District

1. Strengthen understanding of each principle and what it means for leadership in Ohio.
2. Plan and try small actions that are low lift and high impact.
3. Study impact and share learning through evidence, artifacts, and statewide reflection.
4. Grow leadership using the Leadership Practices Rubric to support district teams.



WHAT SOAR OHIO INCLUDES

Capacity Building

- Two 1.5-day action planning sessions for superintendents and small district teams.
- Shorter in-person touchpoints at NCE and EPIC (formerly Annual Event) for superintendents and any district team members in attendance.
- Virtual coaching during action periods.
- Leadership tools to support action planning in one or two principles.

Connectivity and Collaboration

Opportunities to learn with peers through triads, stage alike groups, and structured artifact exploration.

Recognition and Influence

A culminating success event featuring district innovations statewide and nationally.

2026-2027 SOAR OHIO CALENDAR (Tentative)

SEPTEMBER 2026

Virtual kickoff for district teams.

OCTOBER 2026

In-person session for SOAR superintendents held during the EdLeader Promise Innovation Conference (EPIC). Additional district team members in attendance are welcome to join.

NOVEMBER 2026

In-person 1.5-day working session for district teams.

JANUARY 2027

Virtual meeting.

FEBRUARY 2027

In-person session for SOAR superintendents held during NCE. Additional district team members in attendance are welcome to join.

MARCH 2027

In-person 1.5-day working session for district teams.

MAY 2027

Virtual meeting.

JUNE 2027

Virtual showcase.

FY27 PARTICIPATION FEE

\$7,500 for AASA members / \$8,000 for non-members.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

We're pleased to share that scholarship opportunities for qualifying districts have expanded, including:

- **BASA Scholarship**
supporting new-to-the-seat superintendents.
- **Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Scholarship**
supporting rural districts in partnership with BASA and the Foundation for Appalachia Ohio.



WHY THIS EXPERIENCE MATTERS

This is a pivotal moment for public education in Ohio. SOAR Ohio offers the structure, collaboration, and statewide visibility to help superintendents lead meaningful change to ensure every student is prepared with the skills they need for real life in the real world.

