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Becoming lifelong learners is at the core of our mission in my school district. That applies to everyone from the wide-eyed kindergartner, to her teacher, her principal, her superintendent, and all the way up to her board of education members.

The KASB Annual Conference is our opportunity as board members to gather new ideas to bring back to our districts, to polish our leadership skills, and become better advocates for our schools. First-time attendees will discover a network of fellow board members to draw upon for ongoing support, and veterans can find renewal and new insight into the programs and ideas making a difference in classrooms across the country.

As a member of KASB your organization receives one free full registration to the conference, making it easier to bring your team and get the most out of this opportunity. Pre-conference sessions begin on Friday, December 2, with the

vendor show that evening. Saturday is non stop learning with two dynamic general sessions and a vast array of breakout sessions. Sunday includes regional elections and the Delegate Assembly when we select our next leader and discuss and approve changes to our legislative platform and association constitution.

I hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to get the most out of your KASB membership. I look forward to seeing you in Wichita.

GENERAL SESSION PRESENTERS

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016

John-Michael Keys - I Love U Guys Foundation



You Don't Choose Tragedy, but You Can Choose Your Response

John-Michael Keyes represents the I Love U Guys Foundation, an organization dedicated to school safety. The death of his daughter, Emily, at the hands of a gunman at Platte Canyon High School compelled him to refocus his professional life into support for first responders, outreach for law enforcement and championing school safety. With a combination of humor and heart, he reminds us of the importance of school safety and the recognition that no school is immune.

Learn more about his work at iloveguys.org

Dr. Randy Watson - Kansas Commissioner of Education



Throughout his career, Dr. Randy Watson has been sought out by schools, districts, education organizations and others for his educational insights as well as his clear thinking around the issues and challenges facing policy makers, educators and students.

He and his team at the Kansas State Department of Education provide the leadership for *Kansans Can*, the state boards vision for public education in Kansas: *Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.*

A native of Coffeyville, Kansas, Dr. Watson began his education career as a high school social studies teacher in Tescott, KS. Dr. Watson served the community of McPherson for 22 years as an assistant superintendent from 1993-2005 and as superintendent from 2005-2015. The recipient of many awards, Dr. Watson was named an Alumni Fellow at Kansas State and in 2015, was honored by being named the Kansas Superintendent of the Year.



PRE-CONFERENCE Early Bird Sessions Friday, Dec. 2, 2016

PLEASE NOTE: Early Bird Sessions are covered by the KASB Season Pass or a separate registration. The KSSA session is not part of the season pass and requires a separate registration fee. [Register for these online separate from convention registration]



**Meeting All Kids Needs
District Tours 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
7:45 a.m. Registration
Buses depart 8:15 a.m.

Highly popular! Highly educational! Two tours will be offered this year with onsite visits to Wichita USD 259, Maize USD 266 and selected area school districts to see innovative programs and practices, observe in classrooms and interact with students. Lunch is included! Detailed agendas will be posted in September. **PLEASE NOTE:** Tours are very popular and space is limited. Register early to guarantee a spot.



**Kansans Can for Board Members
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
8:30 a.m. Registration
Session held at Conference Site

Local school boards are uniquely qualified to take a leadership role in the state board's bold vision for Kansas Public Education – *Kansans CAN: Kansas leads the world in the success of*

each student. This full day pre-conference session will include an overview of Kansans CAN, the five outcomes used to measure progress and what local school districts will need to do to meet the new expectations. Networking and collaboration with board members from across the state will include examination of current practices to ensure student success. Part of the day will focus on the leadership skills/responsibilities required to successfully lead second order change with your district's internal and external publics.

KSSA Day 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

8:30 a.m. Registration | Session held at Conference Site



The Kansas School Superintendents Association is again excited to be a part of the KASB Pre-Conference! KSSA will feature Dr. John Draper, former executive director of the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools and CEO of the Educational Research Service. Join us for a day of learning, conversation, and laughs. And be sure to join your fellow superintendents for a dinner Thursday evening to kick-off the weekend. Register for the dinner and seminar on the form found in this booklet. **PLEASE NOTE:** This session is NOT included in the KASB Season Pass.



**Winter School
Law Conference
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

8:30 a.m. Registration
Session held at Conference Site

The featured speaker is school law attorney Dean Pickett, Littleton, Colorado, presenting "27 Things Every School Attorney, School Board Member and School Administrator Needs to Know." Mr. Pickett has been a member of the NSBA Council of School Attorneys Association and made numerous presentations at COSA seminars.

Other topics will include 2016 salary changes to the Fair Labor Standards overtime regulations and how school districts classify social workers, technology staff and Rule 10 coaches; the Office of Civil Rights recent guidance on students with ADHD, Section 504 evaluations and homeless students; the ongoing battle between the courts and the Office of Civil Rights over accommodations for transgender students; and legal implications for school athletic programs to sports-related head injuries and concussions.

PLEASE NOTE: A special luncheon will be held for members of the Kansas School Attorneys Association attending this pre-conference. This pre-conference qualifies for CLE.