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2026 National Education Advocacy Summit (NEAS)

November 15–17, 2026
Mayflower Hotel · Washington, D.C.

Schedule of Events

Items in **red** are for National Student Council attendees only.

Network: MarriottBonvoy_Conference | **Access code:** NEAS26 (case sensitive)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Time	Session
1:00 – 4:00 PM	**Registration** *(Grand Ballroom Foyer)*
4:00 – 4:30 PM	**Welcome to NEAS** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Jen Silva, Director of External Relations, National Principals Association • Addison Yannetta, President, National Student Council • Ronn Nozoe, CEO, National Principals Association
4:30 – 5:15 PM	**State School Leader and Student Attendee Introductions and Capitol Hill Day Planning** *(Grand Ballroom)*
5:15 – 5:35 PM	**2027 National Principals Association Strategic Alignment and Feedback Loop** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Ronn Nozoe, CEO, National Principals Association
5:35 – 6:15 PM	**Keynote: Translating Policy to Practice and Tools for Implementation** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Kristan Rodriguez, Author, Founder and CEO, Commonwealth Consulting Agency
6:15 – 7:45 PM	**School Leader Reception** *(East Ballroom and Promenade Foyer)*
6:30 – 8:00 PM	**National Student Council Dinner**
8:00 – 9:30 PM	**National Student Council Meeting** *(South Carolina Room)*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Time	Session
7:00 – 8:00 AM	**Breakfast** *(State and East Ballrooms)*
8:15 – 8:40 AM	**Welcome** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Greg Waples, Senior Manager of State Engagement and Outreach, National Principals Association • Shaunak Buche, Vice President of Advocacy, National Student Council • Marcus Belin, President, National Principals Association
8:40 – 9:15 AM	**State School Leader and National Student Council Advocacy Planning** *(Grand Ballroom)*
9:15 – 10:15 AM	**Keynote: Be a Coffee Bean – Leadership and Advocacy** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Damon West, Author and Adjunct Professor, University of Houston
10:15 – 10:30 AM	**Break**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Time	Session
10:30 – 11:15 AM	**Federal Education Program Shifts** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Austin Reid, Federal Affairs Advisor, National Conference of State Legislatures **Advocacy 101** *(Chinese Ballroom)* • John Schilling, Superintendent/Principal, Southside Elementary School District | California State Coordinator, National Principals Association • Carrie Jackson, Principal, Allen High School | Texas State Coordinator, National Principals Association **National Student Council Advocacy Training, Part I** *(South Carolina Room)*
11:25 AM – 12:30 PM	**State and Federal Private School Voucher Expansions: Challenges and Opportunities** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Chase Christensen, Wyoming State Coordinator, National Principals Association • Augustus Mayes, Vice President of Partnerships and Engagement, EdTrust **National Student Council Advocacy Training, Part II** *(South Carolina Room)*
12:30 – 1:30 PM	**Lunch** *(State and East Ballrooms)*
1:35 – 2:30 PM	**Plenary Session I: Artificial Intelligence Policy** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Moderator: Jen Silva, Director of External Relations, National Principals Association • Jeffrey Riley, Co-Founder and Senior Advisor, Day of AI | Former Commissioner of Education, Massachusetts • Maya Israel, Director of the CSEveryone Center for Computer Science Education, University of Florida • Cynthia Breazeal, Director, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Initiative on Responsible AI for Social Empowerment and Education (MIT RAISE) • Claus von Zastrow, Senior Policy Director, Education Commission of the States
2:35 – 3:30 PM	**Plenary Session II: School Violence Prevention & Recovery Policy** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Ryan Rollinger, Principal, Harrisburg High School (South Dakota) | Member of the Principal Recovery Network • Patrick Malone, Associate Vice President of Federal Policy, Sandy Hook Promise • Lindsay Burton, Division Director, Public Safety Training and the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
3:30 – 3:45 PM	**Break**
3:45 – 4:15 PM	**Capitol Hill Day Logistics & Advocacy Training** *(Grand Ballroom)* • Jen Silva, Director of External Relations, National Principals Association • Greg Waples, Senior Manager of State Engagement and Outreach, National Principals Association
4:15 – 5:30 PM	**State Planning Meetings for Capitol Hill Day** *(Grand Ballroom)*
5:30 PM	**Programming Concludes**
6:45 – 8:00 PM	**National Student Council Dinner** *(Carmine's Restaurant)*
8:45 – 9:30 PM	**National Student Council Meeting** *(South Carolina Room)*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17	
Time	**Session**
6:30 – 7:00 AM	**Coffee/Breakfast Grab-n-Go's** *(State Ballroom)*
7:00 – 7:30 AM	**Buses Load and Depart for Capitol Hill**
8:00 – 8:45 AM	**Group Photo on Capitol Hill**
9:30 AM – 5:00 PM	**Congressional Meetings**
5:00 – 8:00 PM	**School Leader Departure Flights**
7:00 – 8:30 PM	**National Student Council Dinner** *(Hard Rock Cafe)*
9:00 – 10:00 PM	**National Student Council Capitol Hill Day Debrief/Closing Meeting** *(South Carolina Room)*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18	
Time	**Session**
6:00 – 11:00 AM	**National Student Council Departure Flights**