



## Breakout Sessions

### Saturday Breakout Sessions (9:00 – 10:30 AM)

- ***Experience Dyslexia: A Simulation***

This session demystifies the myths associated with dyslexia by providing the most current information, including neurological basis, demographics, warning signs, identification, and interventions. Presented by a passionate dyslexic individual who sits on the Pennsylvania Branch of the International Dyslexia Association Board and shares her experiences throughout this simulation. This session will leave you with a true appreciation of the hurdles students face with dyslexia.

Presented by Dr. Denise Morelli

- ***How Can AI Make Special Education Easier?***

This presentation explores how artificial intelligence can support special education by reducing workload, increasing accessibility, and enhancing individualized instruction. Participants will learn practical, classroom-ready ways AI can assist with IEP development, differentiation, and progress monitoring – helping educators spend less time on paperwork and more time supporting students. Ethical use, equity, and student-centered decision-making remain central throughout the sessions.

Presented by Dr. Jillian Schreffler

- ***Hacking Executive Function***

Supporting executive functioning is one of the most complex challenges educators navigate in today's classrooms. This session shows educators how to apply neuroscience and Universal Design for Learning to design classrooms that positively influence attention, motivation, emotional regulation, and task initiation. Participants will explore small, strategic, technology-powered UDL hacks for transitions, focus, organization, time management, and motivation that reduce barriers for neurodiverse learners by lowering cognitive load, regulating student nervous systems, and supporting focus and productive workflow.

Presented by Hollie Woodard

- ***Can You Imagine?***

Special Education has been in existence for a relatively short amount of time...some say 50 years!? Did we imagine the outcomes, the successes, the roadblocks, the highs and lows? Have we learned what to do and what not to do? Have we maintained our focus on students with disabilities? We will look down memory lane and into the future...the good, the bad, and the ugly of our time and energy. Must enjoy to laugh to attend!

Presented by Dr. Gina Scala



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### Saturday Breakout Sessions (1:00 – 2:30 PM)

- ***Contract Negotiations and Special Education***

Both EA and ESP contracts can include items specific to special education. This session will look at contract ideas and language surrounding special education topics in bargaining. **\*Not Act 48 eligible**

Presented by Brian Landis, PSEA UniServ

- ***Applying Behavior Strategies to Diverse Student Populations***

This session will provide educators with practical, evidence-based behavior intervention strategies for working with students with a wide range of disabilities. Participants will explore how data-driven decision making, functional assessment, and proactive behavior support can be used to address challenging behavior while promoting meaningful skill development for diverse learners. Emphasis will be placed on implementing interventions within inclusive school settings, collaborating with multidisciplinary teams, and ensuring strategies are ethical, socially valid, and sustainable. Attendees will leave with actionable tools they can immediately apply to support student engagement, improve learning outcomes, and create positive, effective classroom environments.

Presented by Jen Cronin

- ***Canva: Make-and-Take Lab***

Bring your device, bring an idea (even a half-formed one), and we'll help you turn it into something useful for your union local. This hands-on Canva lab is all about creating real materials – flyers, member communications, event promos, graphics, and more – that you can actually use right away. This isn't a sit-and-watch session. You'll be actively designing, customizing, and getting support as you work. Whether you're brand new to Canva or just want to get better at making things quickly and consistently, you'll leave with a finished product and templates you can reuse for your local. Come ready to work, ask questions, and walk out with something you can put to use!

Presented by Jamie Schisler

- ***Ending the School Year Strong***

At this point in the school year, it's time to pause, reset, and recapture some much needed energy and bandwidth. In this session, we will explore small shifts in thoughts, language, and actions that can help us personally and professionally in an effort to approach the final quarter of the school year as strong and grounded as realistically possible. It's time to take care of people who take care of people.

Presented by Suzanne Dailey



## Breakout Sessions

### Friday Keynote (7:00 – 8:30 PM)

- ***Bureau of Special Education Updates from the Pennsylvania Department of Education***  
Dr. Carole Clancy will provide the most current topics and issues occurring at the local, state, and federal levels in the field of Special Education.

Presented by Dr. Carole Clancy

### Saturday Large Group Sessions:

- ***Special Education Issues & Challenges (10:45 AM – 12:00 PM)***  
PSEA President Aaron Chapin and PSEA Special Education Board Chair Dr. Victoria Rice Campbell will share members' thoughts and experiences concerning special education issues garnered from this winter's regional special education roundtable events. Attendees will be invited to share their own experiences.

Presented by Aaron F. Chapin & Dr. Victoria Rice Campbell

- ***Special Education Legal Updates 2025-2026 (2:45 – 3:45 PM)***  
PSEA staff attorney Taylor Baublitz will review the 2025-2026 special education legal updates.

Presented by Taylor Baublitz