

Urban Leaders Action Network



Real Strategies. Real Challenges. Real Urban Leadership.

Leading in an urban school or district brings unique challenges. The Urban Leaders Action Network brings together leaders who understand the work to share ideas, strategies, and solutions.

Three times during the school year, participants will learn directly from colleagues across Connecticut, connect with leaders facing similar challenges, and leave with practical ideas they can use.



2026-2027 MEETING DATES



MEETING 1

Thursday, October 8, 2026
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Connecticut Association of Schools
30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT

Focus Areas:

- Tier 1 Look-Fors and Instructional Moves Administrators Can Make
- Attendance Practices



MEETING 2

Thursday, January 14, 2027
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Annie Fisher STEM School
280 Plainfield Street, Hartford, CT

Focus Areas:

- Funding/Budget
- Teacher Retention Strategies



MEETING 3

Thursday, April 29, 2027
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Gilmartin School
94 Spring Lake Road, Waterbury, CT

Focus:

The structure and focus for this meeting will be determined based on feedback from participants during the first meeting of the 2026-2027 school year.



What to Expect

- Practical strategies from urban leaders across Connecticut
- Peer-led presentations using a fast, focused format
- Time to connect with leaders facing similar challenges
- Opportunities to share what is working in your school or district
- Conversations grounded in the realities of urban leadership



Why Attend?

Connect with leaders who understand the pace, pressure, and possibilities of urban school leadership.

Come ready to listen, share, connect, and leave with ideas you can use.



Registration



<https://casci.ac/13247>

FACILITATORS



Damon Lewis, Ed.D.
Executive Director of Leadership Development
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State & National
"Principal of the Year"



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Come ready to connect. Leave with momentum.

