ASBA FALL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Helping School Boards Stay Ahead

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

HOT SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER OR VIRTUAL

ROOMS 208 & 209

AGENDA

7:30	**CHECK-IN & FULL BUFFET BREAKFAST**
8:30	**“ASK ME ANYTHING” SESSION with Lucas Harder**
9:30	**BREAK**
9:45	**UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL WAIVER** *Secretary of Education Jacob Oliva*
11:00	**HOW TO STOP THE VACANT STARE – APPOINTMENT PROCESS TO FILL BOARD VACANCIES** *Lucas Harder, ASBA Policy Service Director & Staff Attorney*
11:45	**NETWORKING LUNCH BUFFET**
12:45	**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER VOICES – WHAT IS YOUR ROLE IN ADVOCACY?** *Beth Ullrich, ASBA Region 4 Director & Paris School District Board Member*
1:00	**HUMAN TRAFFICKING** *Kevin Holmes, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas*
2:15	**BREAK**
2:30	**LEGAL UPDATES** *Cody Kees & Phil Brick, Attorneys, Bequette, Billingsley & Kees, P.A.*
3:15	**CLOSING THOUGHTS / Q&A**
3:30	**ADJOURN**