



Principal Professional Development Day

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

- 9:00 am** **Welcome and Introductions - Traci**
- 9:05 am** **Supporting Student's Reading Success Through Visual Performance ~ Dr. Redmond**
Students of all ages can experience vision-related challenges that affect learning, yet these often go unrecognized. Dr. Redmond, an optometrist specializing in visual performance, will explore the connection between vision and learning and how the brain and eyes work together during reading. Participants will learn how visual performance can impact reading fluency, comprehension, attention, stamina, note-taking, test performance, and overall academic success. School leaders will gain practical strategies for recognizing potential visual difficulties and knowing when further evaluation/support may be beneficial. Also discussed will be the pros and cons of **"Wearable Technology"** aka AI glasses and hearing devices.
- 10:30 am** **Break**
- 10:45 am** **Elementary Principals ~ READ Act Updates ~ Sara Carney, CDE**
- Convey the importance of strengthening current READ Act implementation systems before the 2027-28 school year to support a smooth transition to new legislative requirements related to Dyslexia through processes educators already know and use.
 - Gather interest in a BOCES-sponsored scheduled work session to codify district READ Act implementation processes in a district handbook prior to new legislative requirements going into effect in SY27-28.
- Secondary Principals ~ CTE with Chris McGilvary, East Central BOCES**
This session will provide principals with an update on CTE Perkins initiatives across the ECBOCES consortium, including the 2026–2027 Perkins Improvement Plan and coaching opportunities available to CTE educators. We will also discuss the upcoming Career Expo, the purpose and role of CTE Advisory Committees, and upcoming strategic planning opportunities to strengthen CTE programs and resources across our consortium.
- 11:30 am** **Lunch Provided**
- 12:15 pm** **Meaningful Mathematics: Building a Strong Mathematics Ecosystem**
Tabitha Nickerson, CDE Math Specialist
This session grounds our work in the eight effective math teaching practices. We'll get familiar with Colorado's math standards, including the new high school math standards adopted in May 2026. There will be time to evaluate what good math instruction looks like and how to build a program that has students understanding math, not just memorizing procedures. You will come away with walkthrough tools and other resources to support your teachers on Thursday!
- 2:15 pm** **Questions, Reflections and Evaluation**