

DALI Launches Spring 2026 Summit Series to Strengthen the Leaders America's Schools Can't Afford to Lose

DALI Spring Summits to focus on strengthening Superintendents' leadership capacity, accelerating innovation, and empowering them to deliver lasting impact.

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America's school districts are facing a leadership crisis. Nearly one in four of the nation's largest school districts experienced superintendent turnover in 2024-25—the highest rate in a decade and well above historical averages. As districts hemorrhage experienced leaders, the cost extends far beyond hiring expenses: students lose continuity, strategic initiatives stall, and communities face instability at a time when steady leadership is critical.

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In response to this growing national crisis, the District Administration Leadership Institute ([DALI](#)), which has been building these collaborative peer networks for years, launches a spring 2026 Superintendents Summit series thoughtfully constructed to give K12 superintendents a safe place to exchange best practices and ideas to help them address some of their greatest challenges. The Summits are also where superintendents can grow

professionally and evolve as leaders.

Topics for the spring summits include:

Leading as a Chief People Officer. During this summit to be held March 16 - 18 at the Isle of Palms in South Carolina, participants will gather strategies for navigating hiring decisions, performance evaluations, budget planning, and maintaining momentum through testing season.



DALI: Cutting-Edge Leadership Development for Superintendents & Senior Education Executives

[Leading with Clarity During Rapid Change](#). This executive leadership summit, scheduled for April 15 - 17 in Denver, Colorado, will dig into strategies for leading with clarity and strategic discipline as urgent issues such as artificial intelligence, governance expectations, budget constraints, and compressed planning timelines surface.

"We have a real opportunity right now to change how superintendents lead — and how supported they feel doing it. Too often, these are visionary leaders making high-stakes decisions that affect thousands of students in profound isolation. That's exactly the gap DALI was built to close. We bring together a curated network of leaders united by a common goal: to strengthen leadership capacity, accelerate innovation, and deliver real impact for their communities. There's nothing else like it — enduring partnerships, field-tested solutions, and a community that truly understands the weight of the role." — Amy Dujon, VP of Education, for DALI.

DALI's spring summits reflect a simple but powerful belief: when superintendents are better supported, students and communities are better served. As the national conversation around education leadership grows more urgent, DALI remains committed to building the network that keeps great leaders in place — and moving them forward.

Seating for both summits is limited and expected to fill quickly. Superintendents and district leaders interested in joining this curated peer community are encouraged to visit daleadershipinstitute.com/superintendents-summit to learn more and secure their place.

Details about the DALI Summits can be found online at:
<https://daleadershipinstitute.com/superintendents-summit>.

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