

Within the summit strands of *Calling Business Leaders to Action*, *Calling Communities to Action*, *Calling Educators to Action*, *Calling Families to Action*, and *Calling Students to Action*, we anticipate that sessions will focus on **Action/Advocacy**, **Evaluation/Accountability**, **Motivation**, **Networking/Partnerships**, **Relevance**, **Resources**, and **STEM**. In submitting your proposal, please select the descriptor that best reflects your focus.

Action/Advocacy:

The session focuses on topics such as:

- specific actions schools and communities can take to close gaps and raise the achievement of all students
- school-based programs that work
- community-based programs that work
- helping parents and mentors become advocates for their children
- advocating for policy changes at the local, state, and/or federal level

Evaluation/Accountability:

The session focuses on topics such as:

- understanding assessment data
- questions that should be asked about data
- data-driven decision making
- performance-based assessments
- evaluating program effectiveness
- accountability in the classroom, the school, the home, and the community
- understanding the community role in setting expectations for students

Motivation:

The session focuses on topics such as:

- motivating students to reach their potential
- championing teachers who reach all students
- engaging families and support systems to reach all students
- encouraging parents to become positively involved their child's education
- inviting business leaders to become involved with and support schools
- inspiring communities to become involved with and support schools

Networking/Partnerships:

The session focuses on topics such as:

- mobilizing parents and communities to impact educational change
- creating a common language/shared vocabulary
- developing and working toward a common education agenda
- effective networks and partnerships
- organizing grassroots efforts to improve schools

Relevance:

This session focuses on topics such as:

- helping students connect learning to the real world
- helping students understand the relationships between subject areas
- understanding the new (common core) standards
- implications of the new (common core) standards for students and schools
- hands-on and service learning experiences for students

Resources:

The session focuses on topics such as:

- eliminating waste and maximizing the use of existing resources
- identifying and leveraging community, human, and fiscal resources
- successful grant writing
- using technology to expand learning opportunities for students and families
- on-line resources

STEM:

The session focuses on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) topics such as:

- the importance of STEM in 21st century schools/what students learn through STEM
- characteristics of quality STEM programs and STEM schools
- model STEM programs and STEM schools
- STEM resources for students, schools, families, and communities
- encouraging females and minorities to pursue STEM studies and careers