



School Business Jedi,

The Tennessee Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) is pleased to share Information about our 57th annual conference, **School Business Strikes Back**, November 14-17, 2023, at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Murfreesboro. TASBO is your statewide organization committed to being **THE FORCE** in providing professional development, networking with colleagues, and discovering new services from our sponsors.

### Program

TASBO is excited to share our program full of high-quality professional development.

### **Registration and Membership**

- **Regular Conference Registration** (includes opportunity to register for **Optional Pre-Conference Sessions**)
  - Our regular 2023 Conference, School Business Strikes Back, begins on Wednesday November 15 and concludes on November 17.
  - Regular Conference Registration is only available to members. During registration, current members can renew their membership and new members will be able to join.
  - You can also register for Optional Pre-Conference Sessions presented on November 14 while completing regular conference registration.
- **Pre-Conference Registration ONLY**
  - Pre-Conference Sessions are on November 14, 2023.
  - If you are attending the regular conference, you will be able to register for Pre-Conference Sessions when you complete the full conference registration.
  - If you do **not** plan to attend the regular conference, use the link above to register for Pre-Conference Sessions ONLY.
  - The link above includes the option for you to register yourself and up to 10 additional personnel from your district as "Guests."
  - Membership is NOT required to register for Pre-Conference sessions, but you are welcome and encouraged to use the **Membership ONLY** link to renew or join.
- **Membership**

- Membership year runs from November 1 - October 31.
- TASBO membership includes membership in SASBO and access to all their conferences, educational materials, and expert webinars - more information can be found at this link - [SASBO Resources](#).
- Most members renew their membership when they register for the annual conference - see the registration link above.
- Members who cannot attend the annual conference, can renew their membership at this link - [Membership Only](#).
- New members are always welcome and can join when they register for the conference or using the Membership Only link if they can't attend the conference this year.
- [Guest Registration](#)
  - Use this link to register guests who are traveling with you to join us for conference meals and entertainment.

### **Pre-Conference Sessions**

Join us for an exceptional educational experience at the TASBO Pre-Conference Sessions! This exciting event is designed to empower professionals in the education sector with valuable insights and skills to enhance their leadership, legal, and financial expertise. With three distinct tracks, you'll have the opportunity to tailor your learning experience to meet your specific needs and career goals.

**Track 1: Leadership Development lead by Joel McKenzie** - Unlock your leadership potential and inspire positive change within your school district. This track will feature dynamic sessions led by experienced educators and leaders who will share their knowledge and expertise on topics such as:

- Effective Communication and Collaboration
- Strategic Decision-Making
- Building High-Performing Teams

**Track 2: Legal Training for Human Resources Professionals lead by Chris McCarty** - Stay up to date with the latest legal developments and best practices in the field of education HR. Our expert speakers will cover essential topics, including:

- Employment Law Updates
- Employee Rights and Responsibilities
- Compliance with State and Federal Regulations around Leaves of Absence

**Track 3: Tactical Training for School Finance Professionals lead by Sara Pope, Jean Suh, Bethany Wilson, and Scott Rhea** - Sharpen your financial skills and learn strategies to optimize your school district's financial health. This track will offer in-depth sessions on:

- Updates and changes in the newly released Internal School Funds Manual
- Everyday Internal School Funds Policies and Procedures
- Financial Reporting and Transparency
- Fiscal Accountability

### **Why Attend Pre-Conference?**

- Network with peers and experts in your field.
- Gain valuable knowledge and skills to excel in your role.
- Stay informed about the latest trends and regulations.
- Elevate your career and make a meaningful impact on education.

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your expertise and contribute to the success of your school district. Register now for the TASBO Pre-Conference Session and take your career to the next level!

[Pre-Conference Registration](#) | [Full-Conference Registration](#)

**Note:** Schedule and speakers are subject to change. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information.

### **Lodging**

[Embassy Suites and Conference Center](#): Make your reservations early and receive the special TASBO room rate of \$176/night. Once the room block fills up, this special rate will no longer be available to our attendees.

[Hilton Garden Inn Murfreesboro](#) has set aside a room block for the TASBO Conference. The room rate is \$159/night and includes free breakfast and free parking. The block will remain open until October 24, or until all rooms are booked. Guests may either book with the Direct Booking Link above, by calling the hotel directly at 615-225-2345, on the website, or with their Hilton Honors App and providing the Group Code: **TASBO**.

### **Team Building Event**

Again, this year, TASBO will offer a district/office team building event at 5:00 PM on Tuesday evening, November 14. Districts will be able to form teams to compete in Star War Escape Rooms. There will be light refreshments and a healthy dose of competition! Teams will need to be 10 people or less. You will need to RSVP for this event with your conference registration. We will ask for your team's name and the number of people on your team. More information will be forthcoming for those who register for this event.

### **Philanthropy**

TASBO will again be supporting the Make-A-Wish Foundation with the goal of providing a wish to a recipient here in TN just as we did last year. [Click here to see a video of the wish granting for that recipient.](#) To reach our goal of \$8000.00, we are again asking for donations of gift baskets from each district for our silent auction. Be creative with the theme for your basket - anything from Star Wars, to holidays, to anything that will help us meet our goal. You can also donate items to the silent auction as an individual. Please contact TASBO Philanthropy Coordinator, Mrs. Cecilia Booker, with any questions at [cbooker@colliervilleschools.org](mailto:cbooker@colliervilleschools.org).

**Conference Attire**

We want this to be a fun conference and encourage you to dress comfortably and to follow the Star Wars theme throughout the week.

**CPE**

Because TASBO is not a registered sponsor of continuing professional education for CPAs and because the credits are industry-specific and offered annually, one must request pre-approval of such continuing professional education by the Tennessee State Board of Accountancy prior to attending any courses.

**Pass It On**

The TASBO conference is the largest state-wide gathering of school business professionals. Please share this email with anyone in your own office or in a neighboring district that could benefit from this opportunity.

I can hardly wait to see you in November. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have about the conference at [scott.bolton@knoxschools.org](mailto:scott.bolton@knoxschools.org).

May the Force be With You,

Scott Bolton  
TASBO President/Master School Business Jedi

