August 2026 ECTAC Member Meeting

Tuesday, August 18th, 2026 | 8:30 am – 4:45 pm

Time(s)	Meeting Topic/Activity	Facilitator
7:30 – 8:30 am	Member Check-In | Sponsor Visit	
8:30 – 9:00 am *(Note Start Time)*	ECTAC Team Welcome	Dr. Maria Longa, Director ECTAC Team Avalon Ballroom
9:00 – 9:15 am	Sponsor Presentation: Corwin	Cristina Brown Tamara Johnson Corwin Avalon Ballroom
9:15 – 9:30 am	Transition to Breakout Session #1 Visit with Corwin	
9:30 – 10:25 am	<u>Breakout Sessions #1</u> • Automating Processes with Google Forms (Nichelle Mohre-Cassidy, Citrus) • Building Budget Capacity Among Stakeholders (Megan Johnson, Manatee) • Leveraging Federal and State Resources to Support our Whole Child Education & Wellness Model (Dr. Monica Knight & Alice Blanco, Odyssey Charter School)	Avalon I Avalon II Roxy
10:25 – 10:35 am	Transition to Breakout Session #2	
10:35 – 11:30 am	<u>Breakout Sessions #2</u> • Work Smarter, Not Harder: Practical Technology Solutions for Federal Programs Offices (Keirah Bandstra, Citrus) • McKinney-Vento Partnerships: Building Connections, Raising Awareness (Regina Dickey, NEFEC & Rashawnda Lloyd-Miller, Flagler) • Practical Application of ROI Methodology ~ *Not just for Evaluators!* (Jessica Scott-Dunda, Sarasota)	Avalon I Avalon II Roxy
11:30 – 11:40 am	Transition to Breakout Session #3	

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11:40 am – 12:35 pm	<u>Breakout Sessions #3</u> • Fostering Authentic Relationships Between Principals and District Staff (Jason Galitsky, Seminole & Special Guest) • Cultivating Welcoming Schools That Families Choose (Victoria Tierney and Mariel Milano, Orange) • Soaring into Kindergarten Readiness (Dr. Sheila Halpin, Manatee & Co-Presenters)	Avalon I Avalon II Roxy
12:35 – 1:35 pm	Sponsored Lunch ~ *Thank you Corwin!*	Corwin
1:35 – 2:00 pm	ECTAC Session	Dr. Maria Longa, Director ECTAC Team Avalon Ballroom
2:00 – 3:00 pm	FDOE Webinar: LEA Ed-Flex Waiver Requests ECTAC Discussion and Q & A (*as time allows*)	Avalon Ballroom
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Break with Afternoon Snack	*Be sure to visit our Sponsor of the Day!*
3:30 – 4:30 pm	<u>Breakout Sessions #4</u> • AI + U (Adam Roberts, Polk) • FDOE BSI UniSIG Grants Best Practices Webinar	Roxy Avalon Ballroom
4:30 pm	Transition from Roxy to Avalon Ballroom	
4:35 – 4:45 pm	Closing Session – Day 1 Closing Day 2 Reminders Prizes	General Session Avalon Ballroom
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Reception - *Thank you Corwin!*	Avalon Terrace

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AI + U	Artificial intelligence offers powerful opportunities to enhance program evaluation in education: streamlining data analysis, improving reporting, and supporting decision-making. But these tools also carry ethical risks, including bias, over-reliance, privacy concerns, and misinterpretation of AI-generated results. In this session, participants will explore practical, responsible ways to integrate AI into evaluation workflows while maintaining rigor, transparency, and human judgment. Attendees will leave with strategies, templates, and real-world examples for using AI ethically, effectively, and confidently in their own evaluation practice.
Automating Processes with Google Forms	Are you spending more time completing paperwork than working with students and families? Bring your laptop and learn how to easily create Google Forms and Sheets that merge data onto your form templates automatically, saving you time so you can redirect your energies to direct-to-student services.
Building Budget Capacity Among Stakeholders	Title I, Part A funds add an additional burden on Principals/APs, Senior School Secretaries/Bookkeepers, Financial Personnel, and Allocations/HR. Communication is key and strategic technical assistance and support can go a long way in helping everything run more smoothly. Effective budget planning and on-going support can make the additional burdens a bit more manageable for all parties.
Fostering Authentic Relationships Between Principals and District Staff	Explore the journey of how a suburban district transformed principal–district office interactions from compliance tasks to meaningful, relationship-driven partnerships built on trust. Unlock your interpersonal skills and take these strategies back to your organization. Learn from a team of principals and district administrators the importance of listening, and how a small principal advisory group helped alter the course of how school and district leadership authentically collaborate.
Leveraging Federal and State Resources to Support our Whole Child Education & Wellness Model	This presentation highlights how Odyssey Charter School, Inc. strategically coordinates federal and state funding to support a comprehensive Whole Child Education & Wellness Model. Participants will explore practical approaches for aligning multiple funding sources with school improvement goals, braiding resources while maintaining program compliance, and maximizing the impact of Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, IDEA, and other funding streams. The session will include examples of how integrated planning can enhance academic achievement, student wellness, educator effectiveness, family engagement, and equitable access to supports for all students.

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McKinney-Vento Partnerships: Building Connections, Raising Awareness	Strong foundations create lasting impact. This session will showcase how Region Two has built a collaborative network of district McKinney-Vento liaisons focused on strengthening support for students experiencing homelessness. Participants will learn strategies for building connections, sharing resources, and developing partnerships that enhance identification, support, and services for students. Aligned with National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, this session will also explore ways to build awareness and engage school and community partners in recognizing and responding to the needs of students experiencing homelessness. Together, we will build bridges, build partnerships, and build pathways to student success.
Practical Application of ROI Methodology	Many grant professionals have heard of the ROI Methodology®, but applying it to real-world grant evaluation and end-of-year reporting can feel overwhelming. This interactive session demonstrates a practical approach to using ROI principles to tell a compelling story of impact without requiring advanced statistical analysis. Through actual grant reporting examples, participants will learn how to organize evidence, connect program activities to measurable outcomes, incorporate qualitative data, and communicate both tangible and intangible results that resonate with funders. Whether evaluating educator professional learning, literacy initiatives, or community-based programs, attendees will leave with practical strategies they can immediately apply to strengthen their own grant reports.
Soaring into Kindergarten Readiness	The School District of Manatee County has made a significant investment in early learning and it is paying off. By leveraging Title I funds alongside VPK funding, philanthropic support, and grants, the district is able to provide full day programming for early learners and sustain a robust family engagement initiative. This work includes the Soar in 4 Learning Lab, a hands-on children's museum designed for young learners and their families.
Work Smarter, Not Harder: Practical Technology Solutions for Federal Programs Offices	Learn how Excel, Microsoft Copilot, and NotebookLM can help streamline federal grant management by reducing duplicate data entry, improving accuracy, and supporting compliance. This session will showcase practical, interconnected tools used for Title I applications, amendments, DOE 101 preparation, private school documentation, and other federal programs processes. Attendees will have the opportunity to sign up for copies of select templates and resources shared during the session.

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Wednesday, August 19th, 2026 | 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

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8:00 – 9:00 am	Member Check-In | Sponsor Visit | Breakfast	
9:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome back	Dr. Maria Longa, Director ECTAC Team
9:15 – 9:30 am	Sponsor Presentation: 806 Technologies	Avalon Ballroom
9:30 – 10:45 am	Bruman Group	Tiffany Kesslar Avalon Ballroom
10:45 – 11:00 am	*Break*	*Be sure to visit our Sponsor of the Day!*
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Bruman Group (Continued)	Tiffany Kesslar Avalon Ballroom
Noon – 1:00 pm	Sponsored Lunch	806 Technologies – Dr. Matt Smith
1:00 – 2:40 pm	Follow the Dollar: Spending, Outcomes, and Tradeoffs in Today's Districts Through hands-on exercises and interactive data tools, participants will explore how districts are navigating enrollment decline, tight budgets, and competing investment priorities. The session combines a grounding in current K-12 finance trends with practical, district-level data exploration.	Maggie Cicco, Edunomics Lab Avalon Ballroom
2:40 – 3:10 pm	Break with Afternoon Snack	*Be sure to visit our Sponsor of the Day!*
3:10 – 4:15 pm	District Size-Alike Sessions (Small, Medium and Large)	Avalon I, Avalon II, Roxy
4:15 – 4:30 pm	Closing from District Size Alike Session Rooms	ECTAC Team Avalon I, Avalon II, Roxy
4:45 – 5:30 pm	Advisory Council Meeting	Avalon II

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7:30 – 8:30 am	Member Check-In | Sponsor Visit | Breakfast	
8:30-8:45 am *(Note Start Time)*	Welcome back!	ECTAC Team Avalon Ballroom
8:45 – 9:45 am	Florida Specific Legislative Updates	Dr. Barber, Santa Rosa County District Schools Superintendent Avalon Ballroom
9:45 – 9:50 am	ECTAC Facilitated Activity/Speaker Transition	Avalon Ballroom
9:50 am – 10:50 am	Sponsor and District Spotlight	Renaissance, Dr. David Maddock & District/LEA Avalon Ballroom
10:50 – 11:00 am	Morning Break	*Be sure to visit our Sponsor of the Day!*
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Beyond Compliance: A Practical Framework for Managing Grant Risk and Strengthening Oversight School districts are managing an increasingly complex grant environment, balancing federal, state, and local funding requirements while supporting student outcomes and meeting growing accountability expectations. Effective grant compliance extends beyond the finance office and requires coordination among federal programs, business operations, purchasing, human resources, and program leadership. This interactive session will provide district leaders, grant administrators, finance professionals, and program staff with a practical understanding of grants management, federal compliance requirements, and organizational oversight responsibilities. Through real-world examples, lessons learned from the field, self-certification monitoring protocols, and hands-on risk assessment exercises, participants will learn how to identify compliance vulnerabilities, strengthen accountability, and proactively manage grant-related risks throughout the grant lifecycle. <u>Learning Objectives:</u> • Understand key compliance responsibilities throughout the grant lifecycle, from application through closeout. • Recognize common grant compliance missteps encountered by school districts and	Danielle DeLonge Amanda Ward Plante Moran Avalon Ballroom *PART 1* *to be continued January 2027*

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	understand the potential consequences of noncompliance. • Identify and navigate key sources of grant requirements, including award terms and conditions, Uniform Guidance, and agency-specific guidance. • Utilize a practical, risk-based framework to identify, assess, and address grant-related risks within their district.	
12:30 pm	ECTAC Closing	Avalon Ballroom
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Sponsored Lunch – *Thank you Renaissance!*	Avalon Ballroom