

2020 PARSS CONFERENCE

TIME	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29	LOCATION
12:00 p.m.	GOLF OUTING	Mountain View Country Club
5:00 p.m.	PRE-CONFERENCE SOCIAL	Garden Ballroom

TIME	THURSDAY, APRIL 30	LOCATION
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	REGISTRATION	Conference Lobby
7:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	REFRESHMENTS & VISIT EXHIBITS	Ballroom East
9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	WELCOME <i>Susan Kilmer, PARSS Rural Educator of the Year 2019</i> <i>Matthew Splain, President PARSS</i>	Garden Ballroom
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	GENERAL SESSION 1 <i>Chris Rogers, Policy Analyst AASA</i>	Garden Ballroom
	Chris Rogers is the newest Policy Analyst at AASA and leads the organization's work on higher ed, school nutrition, and rural education issues. Chris holds a master's degree in public policy from George Washington University, as well as a bachelor's in education from the University of Virginia. During the presentation, attendees will hear about the latest Ed proposals moving through Capitol Hill and all of AASA's advocacy efforts in 2019-2020.	
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	REFRESHMENTS & VISIT EXHIBITS	Ballroom East
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	GENERAL SESSION 2 <i>Hannah Barrick, Asst. Executive Director PASBO</i>	Garden Ballroom
	The Budget and Beyond in Harrisburg - With two months to go before the state's budget deadline, learn the latest on the 2020-21 budget negotiations and related policy implications as you move through your school district budget process. Put the state's funding and other policy priorities into context by examining the broader school funding issues impacting school districts across the commonwealth, including examination of the scope of the mandated cost increases—particularly for charter school tuition and special education—and how they intersect with state funding policy and property taxes. Learn what's on the table to address these financial challenges and what should be on the table to reduce the fiscal stress for school districts.	
12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	LUNCH and NETWORKING	Atrium
1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	GENERAL SESSION 3 <i>William Hartman, Penn State Univ.</i> <i>Tim Shrom, PASBO</i>	Garden Ballroom
	William Hartman and Tim Shrom have conducted a statewide study on all 500 school districts titled "Have and Have Nots" that examines school district revenues and cost projections out to 2023. This presentation will briefly summarize the study to provide core understanding of past trends and projections, especially as it relates to property tax relief.	
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	REFRESHMENTS & VISIT EXHIBITS	Ballroom East
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	GENERAL SESSION 4 <i>Pedro Rivera</i> <i>PA Secretary of Education</i>	Garden Ballroom
	Secretary of Education, Pedro Rivera, will speak to attendees about implementation of ESSA in Pennsylvania's public schools, school district profiles, as well as PDE initiatives regarding school profiles, state standards, and other matters that relate to student learning.	

TIME	THURSDAY, APRIL 30		LOCATION
4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	GENERAL SESSION 5 <i>George Stark</i> <i>Director, External Affairs</i> <i>Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation</i>	Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation is a major supporter of rural and small schools and career and technical education across PA. The economy is growing and evolving and so is the need for a skilled and diverse workforce to meet regional, statewide, and national needs. Cabot is proud of its dynamic investments in Energy & STEM education, career & technical education, and high school to college bridge programs. This discussion will focus on Cabot's use of the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC), the Mobile Oilfield Learning Unit (MOLU), and other programs to expand its support of rural and small schools and career and technology.	Garden Ballroom
6:30 p.m.	DINNER BANQUET		Garden Ballroom



KENTUCKY DERBY
Party

Break out the
BOWTIES
& *BIG hats*



Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.
Garden Ballroom

TIME	FRIDAY, MAY 1		LOCATION
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING <i>Presiding: Matthew Splain, President</i>		Garden Ballroom
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	GENERAL SESSION 6 Dan Urevick-Ackelsberg, Staff Attorney The Public Interest Law Center	Dan Urevick-Ackelsberg will give an overview of where we stand in the lawsuit with the Commonwealth Court.	Garden Ballroom
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	REFRESHMENTS		Conference Lobby
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	GENERAL SESSION 7 <i>Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Director</i> <i>Center for Politics and Public Affairs</i>	Dr. Madonna will examine the latest trends in the state's politics with an emphasis on the 2020 elections. He will also discuss the big policy debates occurring in the state legislature, focusing on the state budget, education funding and other measures promoted by Governor Wolf and lawmakers. Finally, he will opine on various aspects of the political and governmental leadership, and their impact on rural Pennsylvania.	Garden Ballroom