

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Staff Travel Report to School Board of Trustees

Your recent request to travel has been approved. Within two weeks of the date of the conference, the following report is due in the office of the Deputy Superintendent.

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Staff Member:	<u>Rachel Stewart</u>	School:	<u>District Office</u>
Conference:	<u>Labor Relations Press National Institute</u>	Staff Assignment	<u>Executive Director of Special Services</u>
Do not use acronyms			
Location of Conference:	<u>New Orleans, LA</u>	Dates Attended:	<u>4/26/26-4/29/26</u>

General Overview: Do not use acronyms

LRP's National Institute is known as the leading source for best practices, compliance strategies and case law updates impacting special education programs. The nation's top legal experts come together to share their insights and guidance on dealing with the ever-changing landscape of special education law.

Presenters reviewed the 2025 case law decisions and how they impact compliance and implementation. Many areas were covered to include but not limited to Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504, Dyslexia, Behavior, and Case Law Year in Review. It is imperative to stay current not just with decisions, but with the impact of the decisions. This is essential in providing up to date guidance to our administrators and staff.

How will this impact student learning in a positive way?

In my role as Executive Director of Special Services, I partner with district leadership and IEP teams to embed legally defensible best practices into our daily operations. Keeping a pulse on evolving case law is a cornerstone of my work; it allows me to protect the district while empowering our special education department to design high-impact professional development. Ultimately, by strengthening our legal literacy, we pave the way for superior student achievement and classroom support.

How will I implement what I learned and how will I share this information with my colleagues?

As Executive Director of Special Services, my focus is to help equip our site administrators with the modern tools and up-to-date legal literacy they need to confidently lead their teams. Navigating today's complex educational and legal landscape requires systems that are robust, consistent, and legally sound. By fortifying these frameworks, we allow our educators to look past the paperwork and focus on what truly matters: maximizing student outcomes.

Moving forward this year, I will continue collaborating closely with Cabinet members and site leaders to champion practices that are not only legally defensible but also deeply rooted in what is best for kids. Whether we are refining our IEP processes, launching dynamic professional development, or breaking down departmental silos to streamline communication, my commitment remains the same: fostering a district-wide culture of shared accountability, continuous growth, and student-centered excellence.

Other Comments:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to go to the LRP Conference.

NA

Site Principal/Supervisor Approval



Deputy Superintendent Approval

Date

Date

5/18/26