



# Stronger Together: A Leadership Cohort for Directors of Special Education and Student Services

**WITH FACILITATORS:**  
**ABBY HANSCOM & MARY BRUHL**



## Program Overview

The role of a Special Education Director has never been more complex — or more important. This year-long Job-Alike program is designed specifically for sitting Special Education Directors and Directors of Student Services who want structured support, professional growth, and meaningful collaboration with colleagues who truly understand the work.

Whether you are seasoned or newly appointed, this cohort offers a trusted space to strengthen your leadership, build longevity in the role, and stay ahead of state and federal changes.



## Testimonials - trust your peers

Abby and Mary are easy to relate to and they truly wanted to support the group.

IT HAS HELPED FRAME MY DISCUSSIONS WITH OUT OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS THAT I WORK WITH ON THE TOPIC DISCUSSED.

It enhanced my knowledge of the regulations discussed and gave me the opportunity to engage in the multi-level planning necessary for successful implementation across the district and community.

It highlighted the importance of collaboration, strategic planning, and shared expertise in navigating complex decisions and supporting the roll out of new regulations and practices.

AS A NEW DIRECTOR I FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE REACHING OUT FOR INSIGHTS AND RESOURCES.



## It's all you've been looking for



A sustained professional learning community built around your day-to-day challenges and long-term leadership goals.

- Monthly structured collaboration with fellow Directors
- A confidential space for mutual support and real-time problem solving
- Professional development grounded in current state and federal guidance
- Support across the full PreK–22 district leadership role
- Strategies for supporting staff, families, and inclusive practices
- Shared approaches to budget development, data alignment, and compliance
- Cross-district dialogue to strengthen inter-agency communication
- Ongoing, meaningful work focused on building and sustaining inclusive environments



## 9-Part 2026-2027 Series begins August 21st

**9 Sessions | 24 Total Hours**

**3 In-Person (Franklin) (9:00–2:00)**

**6 Virtual (2:30–4:00)**

Aug. 21 – Remote (1.5 hrs)

Oct. 23 – In Person/Franklin (5 hrs)

Nov. 6 – Remote (1.5 hrs)

Dec. 18 – Remote (1.5 hrs)

Jan. 29 – In Person/Franklin (5 hrs)

Feb. 26 – Remote (1.5 hrs)

Mar. 19 – Remote (1.5 hrs)

Apr. 30 – In Person/Franklin (5 hrs)

May 21 (Wrap-Up) – Remote (1.5 hrs)

\$1750/person

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enrollment is limited



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