

# West Virginia School Board Association May Statewide Training Session



**Roanoke Event Center at Stonewall Resort**  
**Saturday, May 2, 2026**  
*(5 Training Hours)*

## Featured Presenters

Bowles Rice Educational Legal Team

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

**Buffet Breakfast Provided by the West Virginia School Board Association (8:30-9:30)**

**First General Session (2 Hours)**

9:30 a.m. West Virginia Public School Legal Updates: Navigating Changes from the West Virginia's  
Legislature's 2026 Regular Legislative Session

Presenters: Bowles Rice Educational Legal Team

Session Description: This training session is designed to provide boards of education with a comprehensive understanding of the recent legal updates and changes resulting from the West Virginia Legislature's 2026 Regular Session. Participants will gain insights regarding public education and public educated-related laws adopted in the state Legislature's 2026 Regular Session.

11:30 a.m. General Session Adjourns

**Lunch Provided by the West Virginia School Board Association (11:30-12:15)**

**Second General Session** *(3 Hours)*

12:15 p.m. West Virginia Public School Legal Updates: Navigating Changes from the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session (Continued)

1:30 p.m. Creating Effective Educational Policies: Best Practices for County Boards

Presenters: Bowles Rice Educational Legal Team

Session Description: This training session is designed to equip boards of education with the knowledge and skills necessary to develop, implement, and evaluate effective educational policies. Participants will gain insights into best practices, legal considerations, and strategic approaches to crafting policies that support educational excellence and compliance with regulatory requirements. The emphasis includes legislation adopted during the West Virginia Legislature's 2026 Regular Session.

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. Navigating West Virginia School Laws and Limitations in Approving Salary Increases for Certain Personnel

Presenters: Bowles Rice Educational Legal Team

Session Description: This training session is designed to provide boards of education with an understanding of the legal frameworks and limitations involved in approving salary increases for school personnel. Participants will gain insights into state laws, regulations, and practical considerations that impact the decision-making process for salary adjustments. The especial emphasis relates to context of county board of education efforts to navigate various PSSP and related considerations.

3:30 p.m. General Session Adjourns