

Insights From Covid:

Practices We Want to Continue/Enhance

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Over the winter, AWSA organized breakout sessions organized around [six key questions](#) at our conferences for associate, elementary, middle, and high school principals. The themes that emerged were consistent with those identified nationally by leaders like Kim Marshall of the Marshall Memo.

This table summarizes these key practices and AWSA professional learning that is available to support members in each area.

Mental Health and Wellness: The social and emotional well-being of students (and staff) is a critical element of what effective learning organizations focus on, and, the importance of relationship building and human connection is greater than ever.

AWSA Professional Learning: [Comprehensive School Mental Health Academy](#)

Equity: Leveraging the opportunities presented by COVID to lead your school to more equitable opportunities for all students under your care.

AWSA Professional Learning: [Leading for Equity Academy](#)

Essential Standards: Covid has forced--in positive ways--the need for staff to truly refine curriculum, focusing on Essential Learnings or Power Standards/Clearer standards for each grade and subject, vertical articulation, hand-offs.

AWSA Professional Learning: [Leading Professional Learning Communities Academy](#) and [webinar series on Essential Standards](#).

Professional Learning Communities: Well-designed and focused Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) are essential in doing the heavy lifting of curriculum refinement and assessment development (vertical and horizontal teams).

AWSA Professional Learning: [Leading Professional Learning Communities Academy](#)

Coaching for Growth: Administrators making more frequent classroom visits, more emphasis on coaching teachers.

AWSA Professional Learning:

- Finding the time: [Managing to Lead](#)
 - Developing coaching skills: [Impactful Coaching Academy](#)
 - Refining coaching skills: [Impactful Coaching: Advancing Your Skills](#)
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Assessment: Comments, not grades, on projects and mini-assessments, so students attend to feedback.

AWSA Professional Learning: [Using Assessment as an Improvement Lever Webinar](#)

Student Engagement: Greater awareness by teachers on what it means for a student to be engaged, actively learning.

AWSA Professional Learning: [Advancing Your Skills: Coaching Classroom Engagement Webinar](#)

Virtual IEP Meetings: IEP meetings conducted virtually, saving parent transportation hassles, less intimidating.

AWSA Professional Support: See this [article](#) from the May 19 issue of the Update newsletter.

Innovation: COVID has blown open the doors for experimentation and innovation. Schools must be flexible and agile with their most important processes and structures.

AWSA Professional Learning: Use [this table](#) to identify the AWSA academy best aligned to the focus of your innovation efforts.

These topics will be featured at AWSA's Conferences in 2021-2022.

2021 Elementary Principals Convention

October 13-15, 2021 | Hyatt Regency/KI Center, Green Bay
[More information / Register today!](#)

2022 Associate Principals Conference

January 26-28, 2022 | Hyatt Regency, Green Bay
More information available soon!

2022 Middle and High School Principals Convention

February 9-11, 2022 | Hyatt Regency, Green Bay

More information available soon!