Pre-Convention **Workshops**

Before the 91st State Education Convention officially began, a series of special Pre-Convention Workshops were held to provide participants with in-depth discussions on several important education topics and provide access to respected experts. Here's a quick look at the Pre-Convention Workshops.

EFFECTIVE TEACHERS AND LEADERS: THE LINCHPINS TO STUDENT SUCCESS

*"**More observation is not the solution.** Using multiple data sources is absolutely key … **We need a good blend of data sources to determine if a teacher is good.**"*

Dr. James Stronge, College of William and Mary

THE SCHOOL FINANCE PUZZLE: HOW THE PIECES FIT TOGETHER

*"**In all cases of decision-making, especially school finance,** you've got to get a clear picture of what it's doing for your district."*

Bob Borch, senior financial advisor at PMA Financial Network

ENGAGING TODAY'S LEARNER WHILE MEETING THE NEEDS OF TOMORROW

*"Let's have **learning** take place anywhere our students are at. **It doesn't necessarily have to be in the classroom.**"*

Paul Musegades, Apple Education Team

SELECTED LEGAL ISSUES FOR BOARD MEMBERS

***"The past year has brought about a number of important law changes** that affect the way school boards do business."*

Craig Hubbell,
WASB staff counsel