



THE COLLABORATIVE
For Christian EdLeaders

**Called
to Lead.
Connected
to Thrive.**

2025-2026

OUR MISSION

The Collaborative unites Christian EdLeaders from evangelical Christian and Catholic schools to strengthen their communities and elevate the education experience to rival any alternative.

Stronger,
Together,
Forward.

The greatest chapter is still being written.



The opening chapters of this story were about finding each other. Learning to trust. Proving that collaboration could replace competition, and that Christian EdLeaders are genuinely stronger when they stop going it alone. That foundation is set, and it is solid.

Now the story gets bolder, the reach grows wider, the resources go deeper and new voices are joining the community. EdLeaders who once carried the weight of their schools in isolation are finding the peers, the tools, and the encouragement they did not know they were missing.

This is what the middle of a great story feels like. But the greatest chapter is still being written, and every EdLeader, every partner, every prayer, and every gift is adding to the pages. You are not just witnessing this story.

You are part of writing it.



Dear Collaborative Friends and Partners,

Before we share what the past year has held, we want you to know that this movement exists because of who you are and what you've said yes to. YOU are the Collaborative. Every conversation, every connection, every prayer, every moment you chose a fellow leader over doing it alone, that is what the Collaborative is made of. We are honored every day to walk alongside you.

In 2021, we felt called to do something different, to unite Christian school leaders across the Twin Cities and beyond by fostering collaboration instead of competition. What started as a single event has grown into a movement that's changing how Christian educators lead, connect, and thrive.

This year, we reached a pivotal milestone: launching our first cohort of Collaborative Member Schools, now serving over 45,000 students and their families across the nation and beyond. Through curated resources, shared services, and intentional relationships, we're proving that Christian schools are stronger together.

The need is urgent. Nearly one in five principals leave their positions each year, often due to isolation and burnout. But when leaders are surrounded by trusted peers who understand their calling, everything changes. They stay. They grow. Their schools flourish.

Because of your partnership, hundreds of EdLeaders are finding the support they desperately need. Isolation is being replaced with authentic connection. Scrambling for solutions is giving way to trusted resources and shared wisdom. Teachers are not just equipped, they're encouraged.

Your prayers, your advocacy, and your investment are multiplying impact across our region and beyond. This work doesn't just sustain schools, it transforms them.



Thank you for walking with us,

AMANDA KOPISCHKE & ANGELA ANDERSON
CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

2026 Impact Report
THE COLLABORATIVE

Empowering Leadership in Christian Education

We serve PreK-12 school leaders (heads of school, principals, instructional leaders, and aspiring innovators) who believe in the transformative power of Christian education. The Collaborative is a place for shared wisdom, courage, and connection.



MEMBER SCHOOLS

The Collaborative Member Schools unites Christian schools in an online community that offers free resources and access to shared services, creating value for their educational experiences and environments.



EVENTS

The Collaborative Events have been around since August 2021, before the nonprofit was established. These Events invite attendees to network with other Christian education leaders, participate in interactive workshops and presentations, and discuss current trends and challenges in Christian education.



MASTERMIND

The Collaborative Mastermind provides year-round support for Christian Edleaders, fostering idea exchange and strategy sharing. Members join virtual meetings and all in-person Collaborative Events while earning 20 MN BOSA education credits.



“The Collaborative serves an essential role in promoting connection, providing professional development, and increasing the profile of Christian Education in the Twin Cities. I leave each one feeling encouraged about the work that the Lord is doing in and through the educational ministries in our midst, and I’m deeply grateful to The Collaborative team for their leadership in both creating this space and guiding us in it.”

DR. DAVID HOFFNER

FAITH FORMATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

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Key Highlights

What a year it has been. From bold new launches to deepening relationships, this has been a season of meaningful growth for The Collaborative, and for the Christian school leaders we are honored to serve.

Here is a glimpse of what we have been up to.

FEBRUARY 2025

We officially launched Collaborative Member Schools, a landmark moment for our mission. Member schools gained access to Shared Resources designed to meet all Minnesota CEU requirements for teaching licensure, along with the introduction of Shared Services built to lighten the load on school leaders and address genuine needs in their school communities.



FEBRUARY 2026

Our Collaborative Event brought in the renowned Jill Ackers of VS America, bringing our community together for an engaging, highly practical conversation around redesigning our learning environments to foster joy, engagement, and collaboration.

APRIL 2026

We tackled one of the most high-value topics for our schools, “PSEO,” through a member-school-only Think Tank. A Lunch & Learn was held, led by our friends from NACCAP, giving leaders real tools for navigating the high school-to-postsecondary transition.

APRIL 2025

Member Schools gathered for our first-ever exclusive event, “Amplified Impact on AI for EdLeaders,” a timely, practical deep dive into one of education’s most pressing conversations.

AUGUST 2025

We launched Messaging EQ, a Shared Service that provides Member Schools with expert-level marketing and communications support without the cost of hiring in-house.



JANUARY 2026

The Collaborative Conversations Podcast launched, a new monthly series where Christian EdLeaders share insights on the topics that matter most. We also hosted a Lunch & Learn featuring an admissions leader from a Christian school in Atlanta, GA, expanding our reach beyond the Midwest.



JUNE 2026

A full library of Shared Resources covering all 8 Minnesota relicensure requirements for teachers is now live on the Member Dashboard, created by EdLeaders, for EdLeaders, right within our own community.

SEPTEMBER 2025

The Collaborative Mastermind kicked off its 2025–2026 year, with monthly gatherings where Christian school leaders come together to learn, collaborate, and lead with greater confidence, all while earning their administrator BOSA CEUs.



OCTOBER 2025

We introduced Lunch & Learns, virtual, midday sessions designed to bring relevant, timely topics directly to leaders without pulling them away from their schools for a full day.

NOVEMBER 2025

Our fall Collaborative Event welcomed the National Christian Foundation - Twin Cities and Generis, sparking rich conversation around generosity, sustainability, and the future of Christian education.



More Leaders.
More Schools.
More Impact.

The Collaborative was built on a simple but powerful conviction: Christian school leaders are stronger together. As we look ahead, we are not just growing, we are going deeper, reaching further, and building something that will outlast any single school year. By God’s grace and leading, here is where we are headed.

Events

Where Leaders Come to Be Inspired & Equipped

In-Person Events are growing, in reach, in caliber, and in impact. We are bringing in speakers from across the country who understand the unique landscape of Christian education, creating spaces where EdLeaders don’t just attend, they leave genuinely transformed. This year, we are expanding our Event experience to include breakout afternoon sessions, smaller, focused conversations that allow leaders to go deeper on the topics most relevant to them.

Connection That Goes Beyond the Room

Lunch & Learns are proving that geography is no barrier to meaningful professional development. These virtual, midday gatherings bring timely topics and trusted experts to Christian EdLeaders wherever they are, in the Midwest and across the country. Each session is designed not just to inform, but to strengthen the leaders shaping the next generation of students. Our goal is to offer these free learning opportunities monthly for our leaders!

Moments for Collaborative Connection and Growth

Member-Only Events are intentionally designed opportunities for Collaborative Member School EdLeaders to connect, learn, and grow alongside one another in meaningful community. These free gatherings provide members with exclusive opportunities to engage in relevant conversations, gain practical insight from peers and experts, and collaborate around the real challenges and opportunities facing their schools.

As of June 2026...

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EVENTS SINCE OUR HUMBLE BEGINNINGS IN AUGUST OF 2021



2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026

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Member School Resources

Built By the Community, For the Community

We are committed to staying closely attuned to what our schools actually need. By surveying EdLeaders and mobilizing experts from within our community, we will continue developing high-quality, practical resources that meet leaders where they are, and equip them to go further.

Lord willing, we will be diving into early childhood education resources/webinars, teacher best practices, faith/worldview integration, literacy (PreK-12), and more!

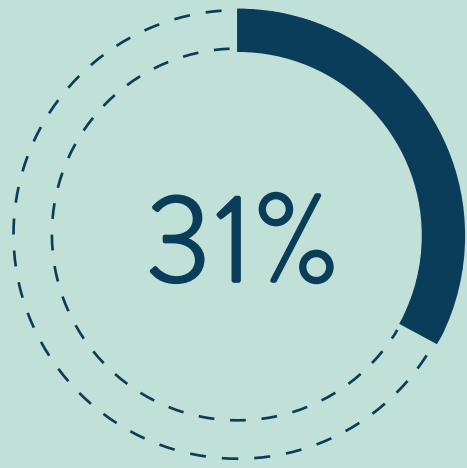
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DOWNLOADS OF HIGH-QUALITY SHARED RESOURCES, TOOLS, MICRO-RESOURCES, GUIDES, AND WEBINARS TAUGHT BY CHRISTIAN EDLEADERS FROM WITHIN THE COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY (AS OF JUNE 2026)

Member School Services

Lightening the Load

Christian school leaders carry a lot. Our Shared Services, currently spanning Special Education and Marketing & Communications, provide schools with access to expertise they could not otherwise afford, so leaders can focus on what only they can do. Each Shared Service is thoughtfully designed with schools in mind, providing expert support, practical guidance, and strategic suggestions tailored to their unique needs. As schools engage in these services, they are equipped to move forward with confidence, take meaningful next steps in these important areas, and pursue new opportunities to further advance their mission. We are continuing to grow this suite of services to meet the evolving needs of our member schools, with Operations launch launching in the 2026-2027 school year.



OF SCHOOLS ARE ENGAGING IN SHARED SERVICES, SPECIAL EDUCATION AND MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS (AS OF JUNE 2026)

Podcast

Amplifying Voices That Matter

The “Collaborative Conversations” Podcast is more than a content channel; it is a megaphone for the wisdom already living inside our community. We will continue featuring Christian EdLeaders on topics distinctly designed for the realities of faith-based education, while creating shareable short-form clips to extend our reach across social media and into new conversations nationwide.

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EPISODES & COUNTING



As of June 2026, The Collaborative has touched...

51

MEMBER SCHOOLS (PREK-12 AND HIGHER ED)

232

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS & UNIVERSITIES

350+

CHRISTIAN EDLEADERS

approx 45.6k

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES BASED ON AVERAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

*National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics 2023, Table 205.45, U.S. Department of Education, 2023. nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d23/tables/dt23_205.45.asp

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 and growing...

IN-KIND GIVING PARTNERS WHO GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTE THEIR TIME, TALENTS, AND RESOURCES TO INVEST DIRECTLY IN EDLEADERS AND THE SCHOOLS THEY SERVE

To God be the Glory, great things He has done!

Stories

*“Being a Member School has been a blessing!
Wonderful to connect instead of being siloed.”*

KATIE BORLAUG
PRINCIPAL
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL



*“It’s been the reminder
that I’m connected to
other Christian leaders
who understand the
work and the calling.”*

NATHAN ZIEGLER
CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
HOPE ACADEMY

*“We are very grateful for your efforts to advance
Christian education in the Twin Cities!”*

STEPHEN HANN
BOARD MEMBER
AGAPE CHRISTI



*“That’s the kind of
change I want... every
student seen, and
support in place so
they can succeed.”*

KELLY MACK
DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE & ACADEMICS
CONCORDIA ACADEMY

of

*“It has started to feel almost like a support
group. We’re still growing, but we’re not
guessing in isolation anymore.”*

COURTNEY MEYEN, ELEMENTARY RESOURCE TEACHER
CHRIS PALMER, RESOURCE DIRECTOR
UNITED CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Hope

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Member Schools

Alexandria Community Christian School
Avail Academy
Bethel University
Central Minnesota Christian School
Chapel Hill Academy
Christian Heritage Academy
Concordia Academy
Crown College
DeLaSalle High School
Eden Schoolhouse Network (ESN)
Go Christian Academy
Grove Christian Academy
Hand In Hand Christian Montessori

Hill-Murray School
Holy Family School
Hope Academy
IMPACT Christian Academy
King of Kings
Knox Classical Academy
Legacy Christian Academy
Liberty Classical Academy
Mankato Christian Academy
Maranatha Christian Academy
Minnesota South District, LCMS
New Life Academy
North Central University

North Heights Christian Academy
Northside Christian School
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School
Phoenix Christian Preparatory School
Roar Academy
Rooted Learning Company Microschool
Sacred Journey Academy
Southwest Christian High School
Saint Agnes School
St. Croix Lutheran
St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School
St. Henry's Area School
St. Mary of Mt. Carmel

St. Mary's Catholic School (Morris)
St. Pascal Regional Catholic School
St. Paul's Lutheran School
St. Wendelin's Catholic Montessori School
Totino-Grace Catholic High School
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Trinity Waconia
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How You Can Help

We warmly invite you to join our mission to support and empower Christian EdLeaders. Together, we can nurture faith-filled educational environments where students thrive.

Giving To The Collaborative

The Collaborative is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving Christian schools across the nation and beyond. Your generous contributions directly fuel initiatives that equip educators, enhance school communities, and transform student experiences.



Giving is made simple on our website:
www.beacollaborator.com/give.

You can also mail checks to:
The Collaborative
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- 1** **Prayer:** Commit to lifting up EdLeaders, students, and our community regularly in prayer.
- 2** **Share:** Spread The Collaborative's mission by sharing with your network, church, and friends. Your voice helps us reach more EdLeaders and
- 3** **Connect:** Introduce us to others who share our heart for Christian education. Relationships expand our impact and open doors to greater

Grateful for Every Voice in This Story

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ONward & UPward

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17