

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Sara Baris – senior manager of planning and analysis, Denver Public Schools

Sara Baris is the senior manager of planning at Denver Public Schools. She leads internal planning projects, coordinates with other city agencies on neighborhood development and assists with the school choice process, enrollment changes and community engagement.

Prior to joining Denver Public Schools, Sara specialized in finance and law with organizations from startups to multinationals. She earned a Bachelor of Science from Northern Arizona University in international business management, both a juris doctor and a Master of Business Administration from DePaul University and a Master of Arts in educational leadership from The Broad Center.

Kerrie Monti – planning manager, School District 27J

Kerrie Monti is the planning manager for School District 27J, headquartered in Brighton. She is responsible for enrollment projections, facility planning, geographic information systems, school boundary area planning, school naming, and development reviews with cities and counties. She is executive director of the School District 27J Capital Facility Fee Foundation.

With a background in business, Kerrie has been with the district for 16 years, the past five of which have been in the planning department. She has bachelor's degree in in marketing management and worked in manufacturing sales prior to joining School District 27J.

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Scott Toillion – planning director, St. Vrain Valley School District

Scott Toillion, AICP, has been a planner since 1985 for cities, counties and school districts. He is currently planning director for the St. Vrain Valley School District. Scott's work experience includes development review, comprehensive planning, historic preservation planning, land acquisition, facilitating community forums, and — for the last 20 years — school planning.

He has a bachelor's degree in business administration and economics and a Master of Community and Regional Planning from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Josh Hensley – planning coordinator, Aurora Public Schools

Josh Hensley is the planning coordinator for Aurora Public Schools, where he aligns demographic projections, development trends, instructional programs and school facilities. Josh coordinates with governments and developers on educational needs for Aurora communities and projects future enrollment by analyzing demographic and development trends. As the facilities planner, Josh manages district real estate holdings.

During 18 years of working for Colorado school districts, Josh has served on the board for Leadership Aurora and is a current member of the Colorado Educational Planners Association. Josh has a Master of Arts in environmental studies from the University of Illinois-Springfield.