NJSBGA 2026 Annual Conference/Expo

"Learning, Leading, Legacy"

Harrah's Waterfront Conference Center
Atlantic City, New Jersey
March 22-23-24-25, 2026

Sunday March 22, 2026

1:00 - 4:30 PM Early Registration Avalon 2nd Floor
5:00-6:00 PM Welcome-General Session-Guest Inspirational Speakers – Jim Vicar & Josh Peach (1.0 CEU) @Second Floor Avalon 14-17 & 27
6:00 -7:30 PM President's Welcome Reception Avalon Terrace (Cash Bar Available)

- **Ocean City High School Jazz Band**

Monday March 23, 2026

7:00 AM – 3:30 PM Registration Booth Open @ Avalon 2nd Floor.
7:30 - 8:30 AM Breakfast Buffet @ 1st Floor Wildwood 1-4 & 30
8:30 AM Welcome Message 1st Floor Wildwood 1-4 & 30

- Welcome Message…Keith Gourlay, NJSBGA Executive Director
- NJSBGA President's Message…Don Race
- Guest Keynote Speaker – Jeremiah Johnson - "From Custodian to Chief Operating Officer"

10:30 AM Breakout Sessions

- School Security Drilling for Students with Exceptionalities Avalon 18-19-20 (1.0 CEU) Presented by Thomas Gambino & Jeff Gale, NJDOE-OSPEP
- Capital Projects: DOE, DCA &the Regulatory Alphabet Avalon 21-22-23 (1.0 CEU) Presented by Tammy Stouchko, SSP Architects & Jim Strang, DCA
- Playground Inspection & Maintenance: Preserve, Promote & Protect Avalon 24-25-26 (1.0 CEU) Presented by Josh Hartley, Game Time

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM Vendor Setup – Avalon Ballroom

12:00 Noon General Session 1st Floor Wildwood 1-4 & 30

- Keith Gourlay, NJSBGA Executive Director
- Don Race, NJSBGA President
- Annual NJSBGA State Meeting - Question & Answer Session – NJSBGA Executive Board
- NJSBGA Chapter Reports
- Announce NJSBGA Scholarship Awards Program Winners
- Luncheon Buffet
- NJSBGA Chapter Door Prizes Drawing – must be present to WIN.

2:30 PM Breakout Sessions

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4:00 - 8:00 PM Exhibitor's Meet & Greet @ Avalon Ballroom 2nd Floor (Cash Bar Available)

- Trade Show
- Caricature Artist/Shoeshine Stand
- Auction to Benefit NJSBGA Scholarship Program

Tuesday March 24, 2026

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM Registration Booth Open @ Avalon 2nd Floor

8:00 - 9:00 AM Breakfast Buffet @ 1st Floor Wildwood 1-4 & 30

9:00 –12:00 Noon Trade Show Continues @ Avalon Ballroom 2nd Floor.

12:00 Noon General Session 1st Floor Wildwood 1-4 & 30

- Keith Gourlay, NJSBGA Executive Director
- Don Race, NJSBGA President
- NJSBGA Chapter Reports
- Announce 2026 NJSBGA Manager of the Year Award
- *Luncheon Buffet*

- *Harrah's Give Away Prizes Drawing – must be present to WIN.*

2:30 PM Breakout Sessions

- NJ DOE QSAC Update 25-26 @ Avalon 18-19-20 (1.0 CEU) Presented by John Feraro, Executive County SBA
- NJ School Sports Fields & Grounds: Conventional & Organic Turf Grass Management Methods Avalon 21-22-23 (1.0 CEU) Presented by Bradley Park, Rutgers University
- Freon Regulations Update 10 1 @ Avalon 24-25-26 (1.0 CEU) Presented by the Philadelphia Regional Carrier Corporation

3:45 PM Breakout Sessions

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6:00-9:00 PM Tuesday Nite Social Event 1st Floor Wildwood 1-4 & 30 (Cash Bar Available)

- Welcome – Keith Gourlay, NJSBGA Executive Director
- Don Race, NJSBGA President
- Master of Ceremonies – Steve Ternosky
- Closing Prayer – "We Pray for Children"
- Closing Remarks

Wednesday March 25, 2026

7:00 – 9:00 AM Registration Booth Open @ Avalon 2nd Floor

8:00 - 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast Avalon 14-17 & 27

9:15 AM Breakout Sessions

- Assistance & Recommendations from NJ DOH, DOL & PEOSH Avalon 18-19-20 (1.0 CEU) Presented by Alicia Curtis-Stephens, NJ DOH
- Around Your School Grounds: How to Make the Face of your District Shine Avalon 21-22-23 (1.0 CEU) Presented by Rich Watson, Laurel Lawnmower
- NJ DOE CEFM & Lead Drinking Water Grants Update Avalon 24-25-26 (1.0 CEU) Presented by Susan Kutner & Brian Salvo, NJ DOE Office of School Facilities

10:30 AM Breakout Sessions

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11:30 AM 2026 Conference/Expo Closes for All Attendees

12:00 Noon NJSBGA State Committee Luncheon & Conference Wrap-up