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Massachusetts
Administrators of Special Education



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Registration Will Close
May 28 2015! - See the
Attached Form

ASE Spring Statewide Conference Program
June 8, 2015, The Hogan Center, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

Conference Theme

The State of the State:

What is Current and Planned for Special Education in Massachusetts

Featuring State leaders having oversight and responsibility

for

Key elements of Special Education in Massachusetts

Conference is a
FULL BREAKFAST
8:00 AM TO 8:55 AM
PROGRAM BEGINS
PROMPTLY AT 9:00 AM
7:45am- Registration
9:00am Conference
1:00pm-Conference
Closes

Plenary Session

What's Current & Planned: From the Lens of DESE's Executive Director of School Finance and District Support

Presentation: This session will provide participants with timely and helpful updates specific to special education school finance and district support provided through DESE. Among the targeted areas of discussion will be: new conditions/procedures for grant submission, new reporting specific to Circuit Breaker, the Chapter 70 Foundation Budget/Special Education tabulation, and the Pilot Special Education Transportation Program.

Presenter: Jay Sullivan, Executive Director, MA Department of Elementary & Special Education, School Finance & District Support

Plenary Session

From the Lens of a Member of the Massachusetts Board of Elementary & Secondary Education

Presentation: This session will provide participants with a unique opportunity to hear directly from a member of the MA Board of Elementary & Secondary Education specific to special education related issues addressed by the Board. Among the topics to be discussed are: Indicator 8 – Family Engagement, an update of the status of Regionalization, related legislative and regulatory areas addressed by the Board, current special education initiatives ; challenges and opportunities of the BOE regarding special education issues in Massachusetts.

Presenter: Mary Ann Stewart Member of the MA Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, former President of the Massachusetts PTA, and a member of the MA Task Force on the Evaluation of Teachers and Administrators

Plenary Session

What's Current & Planned: From the Lens of the Massachusetts State Director of Special Education

Presentation: This session will provide participants with an update highlighting issues and initiatives specific to special education administration in Massachusetts. Among the topics that will be discussed are: Implementation and Impact of the Recommendations of the Hehir Reports, The IEP Form Improvement Project, District Determined Measures for special education administrators, PARCC Accommodations, SpedEx, thoughts on the proposed MAC Bills specific to IEEs and Concurrent Enrollment, the status specific to an updated Interagency Agreement with DCF /clarification of the joint responsibilities of LEAs and DCF when students with disabilities are in the Care and Custody of DCF and responsibilities associated with the Caring Together process.

Presenter: Marcia Mitnacht, State Director of Special Education MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, Special Education Planning and Policy Development Office

Plenary Session

The State of the State: The Special Education State Advisory Council (SAC): An Important Massachusetts Special Education Council: What's It All About?

Presentation: This session provides an overview of the SAC, its mission, current issues and concerns, annual recommendations to the Commissioner / State Board Of Education and anticipated future goals. The presentation will also highlight the unique and diverse membership of the Council and will describe the process the Council engages in to advocate for Massachusetts special education interests/ concerns including a discussion on the challenges and opportunities.

Presenters: Co-Chairs, State Special Education Advisory Council, Melanie Perkins McLaughlin, Emmy Award winning documentary filmmaker, a public speaker and a children's rights advocate and Tere Ramos, Esg. Equal Justice Works fellow at the Disability Law Center, founder Special Education Advocates

Q/A segment will be included as time permits