



Massachusetts Administrators of Special Education



Monday, June 6, 2016 Statewide Conference Program
The Hogan Center, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts

The State of the State:
The View on Special Education and Related Topics from the Perspective of Massachusetts State Leaders

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The view from the Massachusetts Secretary of Education, Executive Office of Education

Featuring Keynote Speaker Jim Peyser

Secretary of Education, Massachusetts Executive Office of Education

Former Chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Education, and former Director of the Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research

Secretary Peyser will provide the ASE Membership/Community with an overview of the Executive Office of Education's priorities and discuss the role of special education in Massachusetts.

Space Is Limited-
Register Early.
Registration Will Close
Friday, May 27, 2016!



Commentary

Representative Walsh's Perspective/Highlights On

7:45am- Registration
9:00am Conference
1:30pm-Conference Closes
Conference is a
FULL BREAKFAST
8:00 AM TO 9:00 AM
PROGRAM BEGINS
PROMPTLY AT 9:00 AM

- ✓ *Anticipated Future Legislative Activities Regarding Special Education Funding*
- ✓ *Perspective on the challenges facing the Legislature regarding Special Education Services and public school responsibilities*
- ✓ *Suggestions for School/Legislative Collaboration*
- ✓ *(Other topics/items for comment regarding special education in Massachusetts from the Representative's perspective)*

Presenter: The Honorable Representative, Chris Walsh, Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Public Service

Recognition and Appreciation Presentation
for
The Honorable Representative Tom Sannicandro



PLENARY SESSION

The View from the Director of the Child & Youth Protection and Services Unit of the Attorney General's Office

Judge Garinger will provide an overview of the mission and work of the Child and Youth Protection Unit of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. She will also reflect on the intersections of education, child welfare, and juvenile justice, and particular challenges for children with special education needs in navigating these interrelated systems.

Presenter: Judge Gail Garinger, Director, Child and Youth Protection and Services Unit, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, former Child Advocate for the Commonwealth, and former Juvenile Court Judge



PLENARY SESSION

The View from the State Director of Special Education

State Director Marcia (Marty) Mitnacht will provide an update highlighting 2016-2017 DESE initiatives/continuing initiatives and new directions regarding special education; grants; and district accountability specific to strategies and techniques for increasing student outcomes/achievement. The discussion will also include pertinent information with respect to the research that guides DESE's direction to LEAs in improving student outcomes via special, as well as general, education.

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

REMINDER: Registrations received after Friday, May 27, 2016 may not be honored/accepted.