



Massachusetts

Administrators for Special Education



ASE Winter Statewide Conference Program

An Affiliate of CASE/CEC

Friday, March 9, 2012

The College of the Holy Cross, Hogan Center, Worcester, MA

Registration: 7:45 a.m.

Program begins promptly at

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE THEME

“Leadership: The Continued Quest for Excellence: New Directions and Practices”

*Space is limited for this conference - Save Your Space! Register Early, Register Now! - See the Attached Form
Registration will close March 2, 2012*

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Esteemed Massachusetts School Leader and Educator

Dr. Jeffrey M. Young, Superintendent, Cambridge Public Schools

*Recipient, MASS President’s Award for Outstanding Contributions to Education and The Brandeis University, Harry
Levitan Award for Leadership in Education*

***“Leadership: Giving and Receiving Feedback in Difficult Conversations to Achieve Positive Outcomes:
Strategies and Techniques in Working with Staff, the School Community and Parents.”***

Interactive Session

Plenary Session

Special Education: The Massachusetts State News

“Thinking Inside and Outside the Box” - New Ideas and Potential New Meaning for Special Education

Marcia Mittnacht, State Director of Special Education

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Session Focus:

News: The Consultant’s Report - Massachusetts Special Education Data---What Does It Tell Us?

***Vision: The National Discussion/Debate on Special Education and the Relationship to RTI - Is There New Meaning on
the Horizon?***

Opportunities: Developing Capacity at the District Level

Break Out Sessions

“Creating Effective In-District Alternative Programs”

***SESSION FOCUS: Key Strategies and Practices for Developing School District Programs to meet the needs of at
Risk Students with Behavioral Disorders including highlights for best practices in determining district level need,
building school/community level support and cost effective measures commensurate with high quality services.***

***Presenter: Dr. James Earley, Managing Director, Walker Partnerships, Program and Evaluation Consultant to
School Districts: Instructor, UMASS: Former Special Education Administrator & Superintendent of Schools,
Watertown, MA***

“Moving On: Key Concepts and Strategies for Successful School District Transition Planning”

***SESSION FOCUS: Keeping Centered on School District Responsibilities: Managing the Ambiguity of the Law and
Responding to Student Needs: Legal Insights and Educational Planning Tips to Assist Teams with Post Secondary
Transition Planning.***

Presenters: MaryJoann Reedy, Esq. Representing School Districts on Special Education, Counsel to ASE

***Laura M. Milano, MSW, Transition Specialist Brockton Public Schools; formerly, Education Specialist C, MA ESE-
Special Education Policy and Planning Department, Randolph Public Schools, Social Worker/School Adjustment Counselor***

***On behalf of the ASE Executive Board, we look forward to seeing you on March 9 as we continue the quest for
Excellence in Leadership and In Serving Students with Disabilities***

Dr. Ann Caretti, President

Carla B. Jentz, Executive Director