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**ASE Statewide Conference Program**  
**Rethinking, Retooling and Preparing for the Future**  
**of Special Education Administration:**  
**The Importance of A Proactive Role in this Process**

**March 13, 2015, The Hogan Center, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA**

Please NOTE TIMES:  
Conference is a FULL BREAKFAST  
8-9 AM.  
PROGRAM BEGINS PROMPTLY  
AT 9 AM  
Registration begins at 7:45am  
Conference will end at 1:30 pm

*Featuring National and International Keynote Speaker*

**Dr. Stevan J. Kukic, PhD**

**Dr. Stevan J. Kukic, PhD, is a special education expert , Director of School Transformation for the National Learning Center for Disabilities ( NCLD ) , author and consultant to school districts and state departments of education across the nation.**

**Keynote Address: Reinventing Special Education: Is It Real, What It Must Look Like and Why It Must Happen!!!**

**Presentation:** Dr. Kukic will provide a lively and engaging Keynote Address discussing "A Top Ten! 5 Things to Keep Doing to Support Successful School Practices for Students with Disabilities and 5 Things Needing To Change to Support Students with Disabilities". He will also discuss and highlight reasons why all administrators need to engage in activities to address the question " Why is the Timing Right To Advocate for Reinventing Special Education and What Should Special Education Administrators Advocate For?" The Keynote Address will highlight what we must do at the national, state and local levels to effect systemic change in providing special education services while keeping school based efforts focused, keeping family, students and staff engaged all the while advocating for special education administrative needs! The session will include an opportunity for conference participant Q/ A.

*Plenary Session*

**The DESE IEP Improvement Project: Rethinking the MA IEP/System**

**Presentation:** (MA) DESE will provide an overview/update of the IEP Improvement Project describing DESE use of stakeholder input to guide the project in supporting schools, educators, students with disabilities and families, and to enhance best practice for IEP development. DESE will present changes that are being considered, and models of possible content and functionality of a possible user-friendly MA potential on-line IEP system. The ASE community is encouraged to offer ideas and suggestions for a revised MA IEP as part of this session.

**Presenters: DESE: Teri Williams Valentine;** Assistant Director, Special Education Planning and Policy with DESE; **Holly-Anne Neal;** lead person for the IEP Improvement Project

*Plenary Session*

**Communication and Collaboration With Families in the Era Of Everything Is Public,  
How Can it Be Done With Success?**

**Presentation (Panel):** Will discuss the legal parameters, guidance, and best practices for special education directors and school administrators around communicating and collaborating with families, including a discussion of: "A Top Ten: 5 Things Special Education Administrators Should Do and 5 Things Not to Do To Build Successful School Practices in Responding to Public Concerns." The session will also include recommendations for successful communications by school committee members and superintendents with parents, community members, the press, and SEPAC.

There will be an opportunity for Q&A at the close of the presentation. All conference attendees are encouraged to participate.

**Presenters: Attorney Paige L. Tobin** from Murphy, Lamere & Murphy, P.C.; **Maureen Sabolinski**, Superintendent, Franklin Public Schools; **Sally Winslow**, Assistant Superintendent, Franklin Public Schools; **Elizabeth Fitzmaurice**, Director of Special Education, Franklin Public Schools; Member of the School Committee, Franklin Public Schools

**On behalf of the ASE Executive Board, we look forward to seeing you at the March 13, 2015 Statewide Conference**

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