



Dear ASE Community and Friends,

Announcing **the Friday, March 9, 2012 ASE Statewide Conference** to be held at the College of the Holy Cross, Hogan Center, Worcester, MA.

As leaders and experts in the administration and implementation of special education services and programs, we are constantly faced with perplexing and ambiguous mandates and rigorous accountability for student outcomes and high expectations for meeting staff and parent needs.

NO EASY TASK!, as the saying goes.

And as educational leaders, we are constantly seeking new information to advance our leadership and management skills. The ASE March 9, Statewide Conference Program is designed to provide practical suggestions and foster new thought to advance school based needs.

You will not want to miss the ASE March 9 Conference: *Leadership: The Continued Quest for Excellence, New Directions and Practices* – a relevant, practical and thought provoking conference.

We are pleased and honored to present **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Young, Esteemed Massachusetts Educator and Leader, Superintendent of Schools, Cambridge MA**, and former Superintendent in Newton, Lexington, Lynnfield Public Schools. He is an authority on urban and suburban school issues, and shares our commitment to academic excellence for all students.

We welcome our State Director of Special Education, Marcia Mittnacht to our Winter Conference. She will present a Plenary Session highlighting *State Special Education- News, Vision, and Opportunities*.

Additionally, Break Out Sessions will feature experts from Massachusetts who will present on topics that advance your school districts' capacities for program development, teamwork and student service needs.

Attached for your convenience is the Conference Program and Registration Form (with more detail). You can also access the Program and Registration Form on the ASE website: [www.asepage.org](http://www.asepage.org). Registration will close March 2, 2012.

On behalf of the ASE Executive Board, we continue the pledge to ADVOCATE for your professional needs, wish you a wonderful new year and thank you for all you do for your school communities and Massachusetts students with disabilities.

We look forward to seeing you on March 9.

Best wishes,

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