



**ASE Winter Conference Program**  
**Friday, March 6, 2009**  
**Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center**  
**Marlborough, MA**



**Registration: 8:00a.m. - 9:00a.m.**

**CONFERENCE THEME:**

**Program 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**“COLLABORATION AND PROMISING PRACTICES”**

**“National Trends – State Implications”**

**Featuring a Nationally Recognized Guest Speaker and Experienced/Highly Regarded Massachusetts’ Professionals**

*Space is limited for this conference - Save Your Space! Register Early. Register Now! - See the Attached Form We may not be able to honor registrations received after **February 16, 2009***

**Featuring Nationally Recognized Keynote Speaker:**

**DR. STEVE KUKIC**

Vice President of Strategic Education Initiatives for Sopris West (a Cambian Learning Company)  
Former Director of At Risk and Special Education, Utah State Office of Education  
Former President of the National Association of State Directors of Special Education  
Former Chair of the Professional Advisory Board for the National Center for Learning Disabilities

**“CONQUERING THE CONUNDRUM: WE CAN CHOOSE TO ACHIEVE BETTER RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS ... NOW!”**

**↻ Break Out Sessions ↻**

**“Specific Learning Disabilities: Clearing the Hurdles & Moving Past the Challenges”**

**SESSION FOCUS:** Exploration of the barriers districts face in implementing the new regulations, sharing promising innovations and potential interventions – presentation will introduce models for using the SLD decision-making process to stimulate collaboration and use existing data to identify and address the needs of students with disabilities – how to support productive interactions between general and special educators in their efforts to meet student needs.

**Presenter:** Dr. Mary Ann Byrnes., Associate Professor, UMass Boston, Consultant

**“Important Legal Developments in Special Education “**

**SESSION FOCUS:** Review of the changes & legal significance of the amendments to ADA, revisions to FERPA and IDEA regulations, and the new Massachusetts statute regarding school observation. Discussion will include proactive and practical guidance to assist school districts in complying with these changes

**Presenter:** Mary Joann Reedy, Esq., Murphy, Lamere, Murphy, PC School Counsel

**Mentoring Session: “Effective Strategies and Techniques Used in Serving Students Diagnosed with Serious Emotional Disturbance”**

**(Designed for new and aspiring special education administrators)**

**SESSION FOCUS:** Brief definition of Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) will be discussed – formats that ensure successful interventions, preventions and accountabilities for LEAs – effective school advocacy for supporting SED students

**Presenter:** Dr. James Early, Managing Director, Walker Partnerships Needham (a Division of Walker School)

**Plus - Post Luncheon Bonus Sessions**

*All sessions will have a brief Question and Answer Segment*

*On behalf of the ASE Executive Board, we look forward to seeing you on March 6<sup>th</sup>*

**Paul Stracco, President**

**Carla B. Jentz, Executive Director**