



## **Massachusetts Office of the Child Advocate**

### **Massachusetts State Child Advocacy**

*From the Lens of The Office of the Child Advocate: advocating for Massachusetts children and families -- highlighting lessons learned from the pandemic, moving forward joint collaboration between child serving agencies and school districts, including suggested recommendations for school districts.*

**PRESENTER:**

*Maria Mossaides, Esq. Director, Massachusetts Office of the Child Advocate, former: Executive Director Cambridge Family and Children Services, Acting Commissioner, Office of Children and consultant to US Office of Civil Rights*



## **Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**

### **Massachusetts Special Education**

*From the Lens of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE): Special Education/public schools foreseeing the future - What will it look like in regard to strengthening the outcomes for students with disabilities and collaborating with families, highlights on equity, diversity, and culturally responsive leadership as envisioned by DESE.*

**PRESENTER:**

*Russell Johnston, Ph.D., Senior Associate Commissioner and State Director of Special Education, The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, former; MA Superintendent of Schools, Special Education Director, special education teacher*



## **Legal and Legislative Matters, Matter**

### **Massachusetts and Federal Special Education**

*From the Lens of Paige Tobin, Esq. Legal and Legislative Matters Matter: Approaching the End of the Road –assessing the long, strange trip this school year has been and planning for next year. Session will include discussion of recent relevant case law, legal issues and tips to prepare for 2022-2023. Additionally, the session will include discussion on federal and state issues regarding special education, including targeted advocacy.*

**PRESENTER:**

*Paige Tobin, Esq., Murphy, Lamere and Murphy, P.C., special education counsel to Massachusetts public school districts, consultant to ASE, adjunct faculty Bay Path University, lecturer, member Massachusetts Council of School Attorneys and Massachusetts Bar Association*

**Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center**

**Public Education- Financing**

*From the Lens of the Mass Budget and Policy Center, the Massachusetts Budget (including information on federal financial support to states) regarding overall implications for school districts, students, equity issues in educational state finances; foreseeing the future financial education landscape following the pandemic, with focus on early and K-12 education policy and finance.*

**PRESENTER:**

*Colin Jones, Senior Policy Analyst, Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, MPP Harvard Kennedy School of Government, B.A. Oberlin College*



*“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new”*

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**CONFERENCE BEGINS AT 9:00AM  
REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE MAY 20, 2022 (COB)**



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