

**MASSACHUSETTS ADMINISTRATORS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018 STATEWIDE CONFERENCE  
COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS, WORCESTER**



**THEME & KEYNOTE TOPICS**

**The State of the State:  
*Educating, Protecting and Advocating for Massachusetts Students with Disabilities - A  
Community Responsibility and Commitment***

**Featuring a Special Message from  
MASSACHUSETTS CONGRESSMAN SETH MOULTON**

**OUR JUNE KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

**The State of The State:  
*Supporting The Commonwealth’s Children  
The Massachusetts Office of the Child Advocate***  
**MARIA Z. MOSAIDES, ESQ., Massachusetts Child Advocate  
Office of the Child Advocate, attorney, advocate and child welfare specialist**



**The State of the State:  
*The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education News and Updates - Moving  
Forward and Building Upon the Lessons Learned During the  
2017-2018 School Year.***

**DR. RUSSELL JOHNSTON, Senior Associate Commissioner, State Director of Special Education, MA Department  
of Elementary and Secondary Education, former Massachusetts superintendent and special education  
administrator.**



**The State of the State:  
*CEC, A Leader with CASE and ASE, in Advocacy for Federal Special Education  
From the Federal Level - Special Education News/Updates & Implications for Massachusetts - The New  
Administration & What is at Risk for our Students & Schools***

**DR. DEBORAH A. ZEIGLER, Director, CEC Policy and Advocacy  
National Expert on Special Education Policy and Advocacy**



**The Commonwealth’s Autism Commission - Moving Forward to Greater State Agency Support  
for Students with Autism: The Promise and The Commitment**

**CAROLYN KAIN, ESQ., Executive Director, The Massachusetts Commission on Autism  
Advocate for Students with Special Education Needs**



**PLENARY SESSION:  
*“Legal and Legislative Matters Matter” - Knowledge is Power***  
**PAIGE TOBIN, ESQ., Murphy, Lamere and Murphy, PC.  
Legal and Legislative Expert in Special Education, Counsel to Massachusetts school districts and  
Consultant to the Massachusetts Administrators for Special Education**



**KEYNOTE ADDRESS DESCRIPTORS TO FOLLOW**