



***"If kids come to educators and teachers from strong, healthy functioning families, it makes our job easier. If they do not come to us from strong, healthy, functioning families, it makes our job more important."***

Barbara Colorose

Dear ASE Community,

On behalf of the ASE Statewide Executive Board, I am pleased to announce the ASE June 5, 2017 Statewide Conference Program - Registration is OPEN through COB Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

***The State of the State: The View on Special Education and Related Topics from the Perspective of Massachusetts State Leaders***

***"Our Students & Families – Our Most Important Educational Responsibility & Accountability"***

Building capacity for Massachusetts Students and all School Communities is a challenge and, simultaneously, an opportunity. As school leaders and teams, we know that keeping current on the State's initiatives and related Federal Law requirements informs our leadership skills allowing us to improve the educational environments for all students and staff.

School leadership requires us to continuously expand and deepen our knowledge base and to learn together!

The ASE June 5, 2017 Statewide Conference promises to be engaging and informative beginning with Massachusetts/ National Keynote Speaker, Author, School Consultant and SEL Expert, **Rachel Poliner** on: ***Social-Emotional Learning – A Lens on Kids, Classrooms, & Climate***

And Notable State Leaders and Experts ...

**Rachelle Engler Bennett**, Associate Commissioner, Student and Family Support Services, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: ***Massachusetts Safe and Supportive School Commission: Updates and Future Consideration for Our Schools***

**Lisa Lambert**, Executive Director, Parent/Professional Advocacy League, "The Massachusetts Family Voice for Children's Mental Health" on: ***The Mental Health Needs of Children and Families***

**Paige L. Tobin, Esq.**, Principal, Murphy, Lamere and Murphy, P.C., Counsel to the Massachusetts Administrators for Special Education, and **Reichbach, Esq.**, Hearing Officer, Massachusetts Bureau of Special Education Appeals on: ***The Andrew F. Supreme Court FAPE Decision and Other Related Legal Issues/Concerns: Putting Things into Perspective***

For additional details, please find attached the ASE June 5, 2017 ASE Statewide Conference Program and Registration Form. School teams that learn together have the potential to thrive together and produce positive outcomes for students. This Conference is relevant for school teams and is a great opportunity to provide the Mentoring that your teams need. Registration deadline date is COB Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

Registrations can be emailed (preferred) to [contactase@asepage.org](mailto:contactase@asepage.org) or faxed to 781-742-7278

The ASE Executive Board and I look forward to seeing you on June 5, 2017 .

Best Wishes for a very Happy Spring.

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