


STATEWIDE SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE


Topic :

The State of the State

 June 4, 2025

 Conference Registration,
Coffee Networking, Connect
with CoSponsors 7:45 AM

PROGRAM 8:45-2:45

 GPS:
Hogan Center at Holy Cross
(1 College St. Worcester)

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HONORED KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Director, Massachusetts Office
of the Child Advocate



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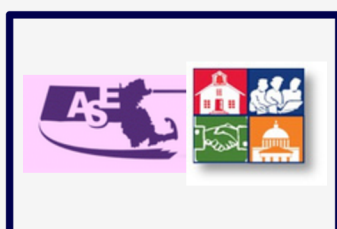
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MA Administrators for Special Education

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From the Lens of the Massachusetts Office of the Child Advocate

The Keynote Address will highlight current issues, advocacy and trends in the protection and well being of Massachusetts children and families including OCA alignment with schools and special education in serving Massachusetts students. Director Mossaides will also share pertinent issues related to the current federal changes that may effect Massachusetts child welfare serving agencies and a discussion on the state's approach to meeting children/student and family needs in the face of these potential changes.



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**Title: Reflections on Administrator Perspectives Based on the
National State of the Special Education Professional Survey**

This session will highlight the preliminary administrator results from the CEC National State of the Special Education Profession (3rd Edition) and will focus on the findings of the Survey and what this Survey is important to the profession of special education administrators/administrators.

Participants will:

- Develop an appreciation for the unique inaugural findings of the Survey
- Understand the comparisons between general and special education administrators and where special education and general education align in supporting student learning and outcomes
- Become informed by the study relative to the practice of Massachusetts special education administrators
- Be provided with proactive strategies and techniques to inform and advance district level practices to supporting students with disabilities

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Affirming and Celebrating Our Students, Exactly as They Are. Everyone Belongs: Pathways to Success in Educating Students with and without Disabilities

This session will highlight the power of building learning communities that celebrate all learners and the opportunities and challenges in supporting students with disabilities.

Participants will:

- Learn examples of professional development opportunities that enhance teaching skills and instructional methods that work for students with and without disabilities
- Learn strategies and techniques to facilitate positive communication with students, families, and the school community
- Learn how to lead with hope in the face of challenging and changing mandates
- Learn the rewards of teaching and the satisfaction of making a positive impact on all students
- Hear reflections on teaching and special education as schools navigate the potential educational federal changes

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A Digitally-Saturated World: Navigating the Digital Landscape to Support Students' Mental Health

Learn about the digital spaces young people are spending time in, and what they feel the negative and positive effects of those spaces are on their mental and physical health. Gain an overview of information about media and mental health; What the research says and how to evaluate it. Learn about individual risk factors that may make students more susceptible to negative media effects. Consider specific cases of students and discuss how educators can best support their mental and physical health when considering a student's digital habits.

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- Highlight current MA and / or Federal Legislation regarding social media regarding student safeguards and or/ protections

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Title : Legal Issues Abound during a time of Uncertainty in the current Federal and State Educational Landscape : Legal Matters, Matter in Special Education !

This session will focus on current and relevant special education legal matters that effect school special education decision making across a continuum of services. Legal special education case examples will be explored.

Participants will:

- Learn several key factors in the changing federal educational landscape and the effects on Massachusetts School Districts
- Learn essential Massachusetts Special Education Advisories to plan and implement including recent BSEA Hearings
- Gain an understanding for the complexity of special education team decision making and planning strategies
- Be updated on ASE Advocacy State and Federal Initiatives
- Learn the importance of professional advocacy and strategies for special education

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**Building Capacity for Crisis Communication for Special Education Administrators and All School Administrators:
A Proactive Approach to Crisis Communication is essential to our schools and effective crisis management.**

This session will focus on proactive measures to coordinating communication during a crisis in a school and or special education setting including examples of Massachusetts School crisis communication approaches. The session will also highlight the trends in responding to school crisis communication and the importance for schools' in planning for this need.

Participants will:

- Learn the essential components to effective crisis management
- Learn the do's and don'ts of social media
- Learn the roles of the Administrative Team
- Learn effective strategies for communicating /responding to a school/special education crisis
- Learn when to implement the strategies

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