



# Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts School Administrators' Association

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## **An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin**

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**September 28, 2023**

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Celebrating National Principals Month! October 26 at Worcester Technical High School 10:00am-12:00pm. Look for an email soon!

### **Professional Development Workshops**

Please join us! Professional Development workshops are available to add to your career growth! [Click here](#) to view the 2023-2024 offerings.

The MSAA has listened to its members and created a tremendous list of PD offerings for the coming year. They are geared toward all educators. Please send this link to your school community and support their attendance at these great events. Any questions, please contact us.

Upcoming Workshops Include:

- Backdrop to Success: Three Pillars of Creating a Trauma-Sensitive Classroom – October 3
- Connections: Teaching & Learning Social Justice Work in Predominantly White Schools – October 4
- Fostering a Culture that Includes all Students in an Inclusionary Setting – October 10
- A Generation in Crisis: Reducing Anxiety and Challenging Behavior in Students – October 11
- A Community of Caring: Nurturing a Sense of Belonging – October 12
- AND MUCH MORE.....

MSAA is a DESE approved provider of PDPs. Workshops provide participants with a repertoire of strategies and activities which they are able to use immediately in their schools.

### **Board of Directors Nomination**

Thank you to everyone who showed interest in serving on the MSAA Board of Directors. The nomination deadline has passed. Each region will be receiving a ballot via email next week. Please be sure to place your vote! The next MSAA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for October 26 at 8:00am, at Worcester Tech High School.

### **Coaching Program for New Administrators**

We are excited to introduce our new Coaching Program tailored specifically for new administrators. This summer our experienced coaches participated in training sessions with the *Teaching and Learning Alliance*. If your school or district is interested in enrolling a new administrator in our coaching program, please [click here](#) to request a coach. Please visit our [Coaching Directory](#) for a network of experienced and accomplished coaches ready to guide and support new administrators on their journey towards excellence.

### **ESPORTS – A Great Opportunity for Students!**

You have seen many notices about MSAA Esports. Esports is a great opportunity for students in your school who spend time with competitive gaming. The participating students are always very excited to have a school team they can participate on! One student said, "Thank you. I never dreamed I could play esports for my school. This is the greatest thing for me and my brother." The MSAA has successfully offered esports for 5 years in collaboration with PlayVS, holding state championship events in the fall and spring of every year. The Fall season just started but there will be another season beginning in February 2024. This is the perfect time to investigate starting a team at your school. Please consider beginning this very exciting opportunity! If you would like more information, you can reach out to Richard Pearson at the MIAA office ([rpearson@miaa.net](mailto:rpearson@miaa.net)), inquiring at the [PlayVS website](#) here or email MA PlayVS representative Parker Duwelius at [parker.duwelius@playvs.com](mailto:parker.duwelius@playvs.com). Our schools and students have had a great experience organizing these teams of students to represent their schools!!!!

### **Student Activities Registration (Student Council, National Honor Society, Cheer, Dance, Game Day and Esports)**

Reminder to register your Student Activities for the 2023-2024 School Year. [Click here](#) to register.

### **Nominations for Assistant Principal of the Year**

We ask you to take a look at the person down the hall from you or think of a peer from another district that has always offered you sound advice. Simply, email Bonnie LeMote ([blemote@msaa.net](mailto:blemote@msaa.net)) telling us in a sentence or two, why you are nominating this person. Nominees must meet the criteria listed below.

- MSAA member
- AP for three (3) complete years in one school

Once we hear from you, we (MSAA) will contact your nominee and get them started with the application. The application packet must be completed by the nominee on-line by October 20th. So, the sooner you submit your nomination, the more time he or she will have to complete it.

### **LLP 2024-25 Application Now Open**

The MSAA Leadership Licensure Program uses the Cohort model which truly makes our program unique as our focus is on collaborative and reflective learning together. Please click on the link to our [Information Packet](#) which will give you a deeper look at the program. Also worth highlighting is that it is a yearlong program and teachers can be licensed administrators at the end of the school year!

Ready to apply now? [Click here](#) for the Application Packet.



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## Membership

Did you know that Membership in the MSAA is part of many administrative contracts?

Don't forget to renew or become a first-time member with the Massachusetts School Administrators Association. The re-energized Association has clearly set a new standard as over 400 members joined together in July to sell out the annual Summer Institute. **Currently every MIAA member high school principal is a member of MSAA and every superintendent is a member of MASS!** We are issuing the same challenge to our Prek-8 school leaders and all Assistant Principals to match the 100% membership rate. [Click here for membership form.](#)

Your membership gets you:

- The ability to serve on and vote for the newly formed state-wide **Board of Directors** (see update in this report)
- Discounted rates at all Professional Development Workshops
- Access to reports and publications prepared with professional needs in mind
- Sponsorship for groups such as National Honor Society, Student Council Conferences, as well as Cheerleading, Dance Competitions and Esports
- Access to the Leadership Licensure Program
- A newly created Diversity, Equity & Inclusion webpage for resources and important information
- A leadership team that is connected to the Commissioner of Education with quarterly meetings in the office, as well as scheduled meetings with the Superintendents Association

## Cheerleading/Game Day and Dance Fall State Tournament Dates:

- Cheer Regionals: November 12
- Cheer States: November 19
- Dance States – November 18
- Game Day States – November 12

Check [www.msaa.net](http://www.msaa.net) for more information. Good luck to all teams competing!

## Save the Date – Student Council Events

### MASC Officershop

**Date:** Saturday, October 28, 2023

**Location:** Middleborough High School

**Who Should Attend:** Student Council Officers, Members and Advisors

This conference will include a variety of interactive training opportunities for Student Council Officers, Members and Advisors. Student-led workshops, focus groups, roundtable discussions and an advisor training will take place as part of the conference schedule.

## National Honor Society Fall Conference

**Date:** Wednesday, November 8, 2023

**Location:** College of the Holy Cross, Worcester

This conference will include information about this year's Adopt-A-Charity, student workshops promoting personal growth, school leadership and community service, opportunities for students to share their school programs and learn about other schools programs, workshops for advisors and opportunities for all advisors to share experiences, express concerns and receive information

[Click here](#) for more information and to register

## The Massachusetts Partnerships for Youth

[Click here](#) to view important information and services provided by the Massachusetts Partnerships for Youth.

## The Soul of Leadership

[Click here](#) to sign up for a monthly virtual group for principals. Supporting one another with difficult conversations and situations.

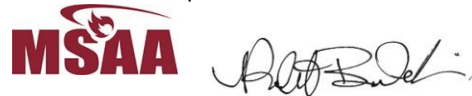
## Thanks for your continued support!

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