



Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts School Administrators' Association

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An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin
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Accountability and Assistance Advisory Council (AAAC)

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education is responsible for ensuring that DESE convenes an [Accountability and Assistance Advisory Council \(AAAC\)](#) on four occasions each year. Two designees from MSAA, selected by the Commissioner, have seats on the council: one representing elementary school principals (**Mr. Ron Sanborn**) and one representing secondary school administrators (TBD). Council members are appointed to a three-year term, with the option of remaining on the council for one additional three-year term.

As such, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education is requesting that our organization nominate a new secondary school administrator representative who can join the council this fall.

If you are interested, please send along your resume to Yolanda G. Burnett (yburnett@msaa.net) no later than **Monday, October 17th**.

The names and resumes of three individuals will be submitted for the Commissioner's consideration.

National Principals Month

As we celebrate **National Principals Month**, please join us in a social media challenge by posting a selfie. Post your selfie using the hashtag #NationalPrincipalsMonth and tag us @MSAA_33. Challenge your colleagues to share their own selfie!

Principals at all levels, in celebrating October as National Principals Month, we are looking to identify teachers that have "it"; great potential as building leaders. We are asking current administrators to "tap them on the shoulder" and encourage them to think about pursuing an educational leadership path. Also, we are asking that these great educators attend the Aspiring Administrators workshop and hear from current Principals to learn more about the role of a building leader. Please keep your eye out for the date of this amazing opportunity.

Professional Development Opportunity with Jeff Perrotti

Please join us for a session with **Mr. Jeff Perrotti**, Promoting Resilience and Positive Outcomes for LGBTQ and Gender Expansive Students on Thursday, October 20th (8:30 am-12:00 pm). Breakout sessions lead by various presenters will include social emotional learning strategies for PreK-12 administrators and students.

Audience: PreK-12 School Administrators
Fees: Member \$115/ Non-Member \$150

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More student loan payments may be eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness, but educators must take action before October 31, 2022. [CLICK HERE](#) for details.

Additional Student Loan Solutions: [CLICK HERE](#).

LearnLaunch Free Virtual Workshops for Massachusetts Educators

LearnLaunch has some exciting free virtual workshops for Massachusetts educators and leaders coming up in October.

Creating Space for Difficult Conversations about Race, facilitated by Lindsay Lyons, Ph. D., on Wednesday, October 19th from 10-12 pm and Tuesday, October 25th from 2-4 pm. In this free virtual workshop, educators and school and district leaders will examine the mindsets (and mindset shifts) needed to hold conversations with students about race, and prepare to hold conversations about race and equity through regular culture-building practices. Please join LearnLaunch to build and hone the skills for facilitating difficult conversations – including navigating moments of discomfort, harmfulness, inaccuracies, and differences – and explore how to sustain a positive culture of inquiry after class conversations. To register, you can use this [LINK](#).

Supportive Regulation Strategies to Foster Students' Sense of Belonging, led by Lindsey Minder, MS, CCLS, on Thursday, October 20th from 3-5 pm and again on Monday, October 24th from 2-4 pm. Co-regulation strategies support students to feel safe and secure in the classroom, and educators can intentionally leverage co-regulation to create a safe and welcoming environment. This free 2-hour virtual workshop will support leaders to reflect on predictable and consistent structures and systems that are already in place across the school or district, while also exploring opportunities for flexible and adaptive interventions. These strategies are compatible with any social-emotional curricula and for any grade level. You may register [HERE](#).

MSAA Convocation 2022



The MSAA hosted the 2022 Convocation on September 20th bringing together school leaders from across the Commonwealth. Hundreds of school administrators met with their respective committees as well as benefited from presentations by President Liz Garden, Jeff Perrotti and Dr. Katie Novak.



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MSAA Committee Highlights

Assistant Principals Committee – September 20, 2022

The Assistant Principals Committee met during the annual MSAA Convocation and elected Mr. Timothy Johnson (Assistant Principal, Hopedale Jr./Sr. HS) as Chair. Mr. Bruce Hastings (Assistant Principal, Westfield Technical Academy) was elected as Vice Chair. Erin Lachapelle (Dean of Students, Ashland HS) was elected as Secretary.

Educational Policies & Legislative Committees – September 20, 2022. The Educational Policies & Legislative Committees met during the annual MSAA Convocation and elected Mr. Matt Mattos (Principal, Hanover HS) as Chair of the Educational Policies Committee. Mr. Mark Vital (Community Outreach Manager, Advanced Math & Science Academy) was elected as Chair of the Legislative Committee. The next meeting of the Educational Policies & the Legislative Committees will be on Tuesday, November 15th, at 8:30 am at the MSAA office.

Elementary Committee – September 20, 2022

The Elementary Committee met during the annual MSAA Convocation and elected Mrs. Bobbie French, Students Services Administrator at the Fred W. Miller Elementary School as the Chairperson.

MSAA, DESE and MAECTE would like to invite Preschool through third grade administrators and educators to a three-part series on *Play as an Anti-Racist Practice in Elementary Schools* with Matthew Rodriguez from Equity Imperative. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

- Wednesday, October 12, 2022 (3:00-5:00 pm)
- Wednesday, October 26, 2022 (3:00-5:00 pm)
- Wednesday, November 9, 2022 (3:00-4:30 pm)

Upcoming Elementary Committee Meetings:

November 10, 2022 at 4:00 pm (virtual), January 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm (virtual) and April 12, 2023 at 4:00 pm (virtual). EdCamp MA Leads will be held at the MSAA office on January 28, 2023 from 7:30 am – 12:30 pm.

High School Committee – September 20, 2022

The High School Committee met during the annual MSAA Convocation and elected officers for the upcoming year. The following members were elected: Dr. Henry Turner (Chair), Mr. Albert Mercado (Vice Chair), and Mrs. Lisa Maguire (Secretary). The following meetings were scheduled: November 3rd at Mashpee Middle-Senior High School, January 12th at Greater New Bedford RVTHS, March 16th at Whitman Hanson Reg. HS and April 27th at location TBA.

Teaching and Learning Committee – September 20, 2022

The Teaching and Learning Committee met during the annual MSAA Convocation and elected Mrs. Kimberly A. Taylor, Principal at the Curran Early Childhood Center as the Chairperson. The committee will work jointly with the Elementary Committee. The next committee meeting will be held virtually on October 17, 2022 at 10:00 am

Urban Principals Committee – September 20, 2022

The Urban Principals Committee met during the annual MSAA Convocation and elected Mrs. Carolyn Banach, Principal of Framingham High School as the Chairperson and Mr. Damon Smith, Principal at the Cambridge Rindge Latin School as the Vice Chairperson. As the Committee planned out the year's events and meetings, the January 5th Urban Schools Summit was discussed. If you would like to present at the Summit (30-45 minutes), please reach out to the MSAA Office.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society Fall Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. This year's keynote speaker will be Mrs. Karen Anderson. Mrs. Anderson is an award winning journalist and reporter for WCVB Channel 5. She grew up in Concord, MA and was a member of the National Honor Society at Concord Carlisle High School.

National Honor Society Chapters planning to run a breakout session at the conference should reach out to their Regional Coordinator or jquinn@msaa.net

NAESP - A Virtual Convening for Principals: Early Learning and the Early Grades

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Growing Courageous Leaders

Is something great happening at your school? Would you consider sharing it with MSAA membership? Consider facilitating a workshop or breakout session with MSAA PD. Please contact John Quinn at jquinn@msaa.net

Thanks for your continued support!

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