



# Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts School Administrators' Association

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

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**December 15, 2022**

### **Addressing Hate in School Sports Conference**

On Thursday, December 8th, the MIAA and MSAA in conjunction with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and the Anti-Defamation League sponsored a conference entitled "Addressing Hate in School Sports" at the TD Garden. Over 700 participants, many from MIAA member schools, participated in the day-long event. MIAA/MSAA Executive Director Bob Baldwin, along with Governor-elect Maura Healey, spoke during the morning session and provided a commitment from both offices to addressing this issue. The day was also highlighted by Assistant Director Mike Rubin's panel discussion on the Associations' efforts to address hate and bias in sports. The next step in this process will be regional meetings and trainings throughout the state to ensure a deeper understanding of the power that sports have in eradicating hate in our society.

### **EdCamp MALeads (January 28, 2023):**

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

### **PreK-8 Spring Conference (March 16-17, 2023):**

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

### **PreK-8 Spring Conference (March 16-17, 2023): Call for Proposals – [CLICK HERE](#)**

### **PreK-12 Student Photos**

MSAA in the process of updating our marketing folders to reflect PreK-12 students. If you are interested in sharing photos of your PreK-12 students to showcase on the new MSAA folders, please send high quality photos to Yolanda G. Burnett at [yburnett@msaa.net](mailto:yburnett@msaa.net). Please make sure the students in the photos are under a "blanket photo waiver" in your school handbook.

### **Student Council State Officer Candidates**

The nomination process for 2023-24 MASC State Officer positions is now open. Student candidates interested in running for the positions of President, Vice President, or Secretary must submit their information by Friday, January 13, 2023. Candidates must attend schools that have registered Student Council as an MSAA Student Activity. In addition, candidates must have the full support of their principal, student council adviser, parents/guardians and council members. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the candidate nomination form.

### **Student Council Award Nominations**

Each year, awards are presented to students, advisors, administrators and schools that have made significant contributions to student council activities. Nominations are currently being accepted online for the following awards.

- **[Administrator of the Year Award](#)**

This award is presented to one school administrator in recognition of outstanding support for student council activities.

- **[Henry Sullivan Advisor of the Year Award](#)**

This award is presented to one student council advisor in recognition of a commitment to excellence and service to young people in their school.

- **[Top Ten Project Awards](#)**

These awards are presented to ten student councils who have submitted one of the ten most outstanding projects during the school year.

- **[Unsung Hero Awards](#)**

These awards are presented to one student council member from each region of the state who goes above and beyond the call of duty on a regular basis with little or no recognition.

- **[James Rokas Awards](#)**

These awards recognize individual students for both achievement and potential in their student leadership experiences, and are presented to one student from each region.

Awards will be presented at the MASC Annual Conference, March 8-10, 2023 at the Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis. Nominations must be submitted by schools that have registered Student Council as an MSAA Student Activity and are due by February 3, 2023.

### **School Year 2022-23 Professional Development Offerings – [CLICK HERE](#)**

**Hanging in with Challenging Students** - Jeffrey Benson, Athena K12 Educational Consulting (January 19, 8:30 am-12:00 pm)

**Equity: The Impact of Poverty on Our Students' Access and Outcomes** - Tamatha Bibbo, Athena K12 Educational Consulting (January 26, 8:30 am-12:00 pm)

**Legal Aspects of Student Discipline for Administrators** - Catherine L. Lyons, Esq., Lyons & Rogers, LLC (January 31, 8:30-11:30 am)

**Looking at Student Work to Assess Student Learning and Drive Instructional Decisions** - Clare Fox Ringwall, Athena K12 Educational Consulting (February 2, 8:30 am-12:00 pm)

**Back to Basics** – Maureen Gilman, Seaside Educational Consultants (February 7, 8:30-11:30 am)

**Re-JOY-ning the K-5 Math Class!** – Marcie Abramson, Athena K12 Educational Consulting (February 15, 8:30 am-12:00 pm)



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**Components of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and the Role of a Student Success Team (SST)** - Dr. Curtis Bates, Seaside Educational Consultants (February 16, 8:30 am-3:00 pm)

**Restorative Practice** - Dr. Curtis Bates, Seaside Educational Consultants (March 9, 8:30 am-3:00 pm)

**Perseverance and Productive Struggle in Grades 1-5 Mathematics** - Marcie Abramson, Athena K12 Educational Consulting (March 20, 8:30 am-12:00 pm)

**Closing Achievement Gaps for Economically Disadvantaged Students** - Cathy Queally, Ribas Associates and Publications (March 21, 8:30-11:30 am)

## Challenges to M.G.L. 37H ¾ that will Affect Your School Community - Survey

As you may know, changes were made on how students are suspended. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete survey on recent changes to M.G.L c. 71, s. 37H ¾.

## Cheerleading, Dance and Game Day Championships

This past season over 200 teams participated in Fall Cheerleading, Dance and Game Day Championships:

- Game Day: November 13th at Shrewsbury High School
- Dance: November 19th at Weymouth High School
- Cheerleading: November 20th at Worcester State University

Congratulations to all and good luck this winter season!

Visit the [MSAA website](#) for more information including results in these State Championships.

## Esports Championships at Patriots Place

The MSAA held the Fall 2022 eSports Championships on Saturday, Dec. 10 at HELIX eSports at Patriot Place. This past season had a total of 142 teams across all game titles. The MSAA only offers state championships in the following three games:

|                   |   |                          |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------|
| League of Legends | - | 11 teams from 11 schools |
| Rocket League     | - | 23 teams from 21 schools |
| Super Smash Bros  | - | 52 teams from 34 schools |

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information including State Champion and Finalist schools.

## Soul of Leadership

In order to survive and thrive, school leaders need support to develop their ability to handle stress, build trust, and cultivate culturally responsive, inclusive schools. For the past five years, MSAA has sponsored a unique professional learning experience for school leaders called the Soul of Leadership: Courage, Presence and Integrity. The program provides a personal and leadership renewal experience with a

focus on mindfulness, listening, reflection, and building relational trust in schools. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

## MSAA and Urban Superintendents Meeting

On Friday, December 7, 2022, the MSAA met with the Urban Superintendents and presented on membership, collaboration, and specific professional development opportunities for urban leaders. This exciting new partnership was facilitated by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents and is a great opportunity for all. For more information on this, please contact Steve Dubzinski at [sdubzinski@miaa.net](mailto:sdubzinski@miaa.net).

## Membership Highlight

Middleborough High School Principal Paul Branagan received the National Association for Student Activities Earl Reum Award for outstanding leadership and commitment in the promotion of excellence in student activities. The award was presented during the National Conference on Student Activities that took place in Boston from December 2-4, 2022.



## Horace Mann

We're grateful for our clients, colleagues, family and friends this holiday season. From all of us at Horace Mann, we wish you peace, connection and joy in the year to come.

[CLICK HERE](#) for our holiday message and visit us at <https://www.horacemann.com>.

## Upcoming Events

- DEI Summit (January 20, Holy Cross)
- Urban Schools Summit: Best Educational Practices (January 24, MSAA Office)
- EdCamp MAlEads (January 28, MSAA Office)
- PreK-8 Spring Conference (March 16-17 Devens Common Center)
- NHS Conference (April 6)



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## Standing Committee Meetings

### MSAA Board of Directors

January 23, 2023 (virtual), March 13, 2023 (in-person), April 27, 2023 (virtual), May 22, 2023 (in-person)

### Education Policies & Legislative Committees

January 10, 2023 (in-person, MSAA office at 8:30 am)

### Elementary Committee

January 11, 2023 (virtual), 4:00-5:00 pm; January 28, 2023 – EdCamp MALeads (in-person), 7:30 am-12:30 pm; April 12, 2023 (virtual), 4:00-5:00 pm

### High School Committee

January 12, 2023 (in-person at Gr. New Bedford RVT High School), March 16, 2023 (in-person at Whitman-Hanson Reg. High School), April 27, 2023 (TBA)

### Middle Level Committee

February 7, 2023 (in-person), 3:00 pm; April 4, 2023, 3:00 pm

### Student Council Committee

January 5, 2023 (virtual) 3:30 pm; April 26, 2022 (virtual) 3:00 pm

### Teaching & Learning Committee

*(all meetings are virtual from 10:00-11:00 am)*

January 23, 2023; February 13, 2023; March 20, 2023; April 24, 2023; May 15, 2023; June 19, 2023

## 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. Please contact John Quinn at [jquinn@msaa.net](mailto:jquinn@msaa.net)

## In case you missed it...

[Executive Director's Update November 16, 2022](#)

## Thanks for your continued support!

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