



ASE Fall Conference Program

Friday, October 31st, 2008

Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center
Marlborough, MA



Registration: 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

CONFERENCE THEME

Program 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"A New Year - A New Beginning: What We Need to Know to Begin The Year"

*****Space is limited for this conference - Save Your Space! Register Early. Register Now! - See the Attached Form- We may not be able to honor registrations received after** October 16th, 2008*****

Featuring Guest Keynote Speaker:

Commissioner Mitchell Chester

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

"A NEW ERA IN MASSACHUSETTS EDUCATION"

ESE's Expectations for our Schools and School Leaders

The Anticipated Challenges and Opportunities as we Strive for Educational Success for All Students

Plenary Session with:

Dr. Karla Brooks Baehr

Deputy Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

"IMPROVING CAPACITIES THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS"

The Vision, The Possibilities, The Incentives - Goals and Objectives of partnerships and collaborations to increase support for schools: The role of the office of the Associate Commissioner, DESE

↻ Break Out Sessions ↻

***"The Role of Special Education School Teams When a Student with Disabilities is Bullied or Harassed"
Meeting the Legal Requirements for Responding***

SESSION FOCUS: Strategies for identifying and responding to the social and emotional impact of bullying and harassment that impedes the educational progress of students with disabilities, including the steps needed for school teams to meet the legal requirements of effective school/team response. Additionally, the session will briefly review the law for preventing and responding to bullying and harassment in schools and school-related activities.

Presenter: Richard W. Cole, Esq., Civil Rights and Safe Schools National Consultant, former (MA) Assistant Attorney General and Civil Rights Division Chief, former Co-Chair MA Attorney General Safe Schools Initiative, Former Co-Chair and contributing author to USDOE's Protecting Students from Harassment and Hate Crime: A Guide For Schools

"Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: Program Quality Assurance Updates"

SESSION FOCUS: Information on the changes being planned and implemented in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's PQA Unit, highlighting the new directions, infrastructure and systems to improve support to school districts for Coordinated Program Reviews and Mid-Cycle Reviews.

Presenters: Pamela Sweeney, Assistant Director, Program Quality Assurance
Jean Jonker, Training Specialist, Program Quality Assurance
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

***"Mentoring Session: Understanding and Differentiating Services for 504 Plans and IEP Services"
(Designed for new and aspiring special education administrators)***

SESSION FOCUS: Guiding School Teams/districts toward greater understanding in the determination of related services (only) for 504 and IEP Planning. Additionally, a brief overview of the eligibility components will be discussed. The session will provide suggestions for creating a culture of understanding in schools for 504/IEP related services.

Presenter: Judy Levin-Charns, Ed.D, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Newton Public Schools

*****All sessions will have a brief Question and Answer Segment*****

On behalf of the Executive Board, we look forward to seeing you on October 31st, 2008

Paul Stracco, President

Carla B. Jentz, Executive Director