



Executive Director's Update

Massachusetts School Administrators' Association

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An Update from Executive Director Robert Baldwin

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Board of Directors Nomination

In an exciting and unanimous vote by the Massachusetts School Administrators' Association (MSAA) membership at the 2023 Summer Institute, a constitutional change occurred allowing for a change in the election process of the Board of Directors.

The constitution now calls for the makeup of the **Board of Directors** to include *two members (one PreK-Grade 8 and one Grades 9-12) from each of the nine designated regions* ([click here](#) to view a map outlining the 9 regions and [click here](#) to view a list of each school in their respective regions). The goal is to have the entire state represented as well as varying levels of school leaders.

If you are interested in being on the ballot for the Board of Directors or have a colleague you would like to nominate, please complete this [form](#) no later than Friday, September 29th. Voting and elections will take place early October.

[Click here](#) to view the MSAA Constitution which outlines the Board of Directors' responsibilities (Article VI). The MSAA Board of Directors meets 7-8 times a year, half in person and half virtual with the next meeting tentatively scheduled for October 16, 2023 (virtually).

Executive Leadership Workshops

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

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.

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.

Student Activities Registration (Student Council, National Honor Society, Cheer, Dance, Game Day and Sports)

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

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 Executive Training 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

PreK-8 Fall Conference for School Leaders!

Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023

Time: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Devens Conference Center, Devens, MA

Theme: Brave and Courageous Leadership through an Anti-Racist Lens- Engaging in Critical Conversations that Include All Students

Who Should Attend: PreK-8 Principals, Assistant Principals, School Administrators

Why Attend?

Inspiring Keynote Speakers: Matthew Rodriguez, *The Equity Imperative* and Dr. Nicole Christian-Brathwaite, *Well Minds Psychiatry and Consulting Company*

Networking Opportunities: Connect with fellow principals and exchange ideas and best practices

Professional Development: Earn continuing PDPs and enhance your leadership skills

Please spread the word and help us make this conference a success by sharing this [registration](#) with your fellow principals, colleagues, and friends in education. We can't wait to welcome you to an enriching and inspiring experience at the PreK-8 Fall Conference!



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MSAA & MASCD Joint Welcome Back Social Event

I hope this email finds you well. As we gear up for the start of another exciting school year, we want to extend a warm invitation to you for our upcoming Massachusetts School Administrators' Association (MSAA) and the Massachusetts chapter of ASCD (MASCD) joint Welcome Back Social event. This event is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, reconnect, and set the tone for a successful year ahead. We are looking to create a year of collaboration and impactful professional development and exchange ideas to support our school leaders, curriculum leaders, educators, and all who are working to enhance the educational practice in Massachusetts.

Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Time: 5:30 - 8:30pm

Location: Bar Louie, Foxboro MA

Please RSVP by Monday, 9/25, to help us plan for the event. Click [here](#) to add your information.

We look forward to seeing you there and kicking off the new school year on a high note. If you have any questions or need further information, please get in touch with Matt Joseph, MASCD President (drmatthewxjoseph@gmail.com), or Chris Jones, MSAA President-Elect (drchrissj@gmail.com). Register and attend the event and be in the drawing for 4 New England Revolution tickets. The Welcome Back Social will provide a casual and relaxed setting to catch up, share our summer experiences, and discuss our aspirations for the upcoming academic year. It's a chance to strengthen our bonds as a team and lay the groundwork for the positive collaboration that defines our school community. Thank you, Teq, for your support in making this event happen. Learn more about Teq [here](#).



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

IDEAS

Professional Development in Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging from IDEAS ([click here to view](#)).

SAVE THE DATE – Student Council Events

MASC Presidents Dinner

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023

Location: MSAA Office, Franklin, MA

Who Should Attend: Student Council Presidents and Advisors
Student Council Presidents and Advisors are invited to attend this event to kick off the school year. The program will provide an opportunity to network with student leaders from across Massachusetts and gather information about initiatives and programs for the upcoming year. A buffet dinner will be served.

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.

Esports Enrollment for Fall Season Still Open

The enrollment period for the Fall esports season is currently open but closes on September 22nd. Preseason is currently underway through PlayVS. [CLICK HERE](#) for the esports Interest Survey whether you're forming a fall team or are just planning for the future. There is no commitment to participating in the survey. Please visit the [MSAA esports](#) page for additional information about this exciting interscholastic opportunity.

Thanks for your continued support!

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