



109th Annual Commissioner’s Conference for Superintendents

Atlantic Oceanside Hotel & Event Center, Bar Harbor

June 26-28, 2022

Conference Agenda

Sunday, June 26

	Check in for Overnight Lodging (if desired)	
5pm – 7pm	Welcome Reception (<i>Appetizers & Cash Bar</i>)	Willows Garden

Monday, June 27

	Registration – open throughout the day	Seal Harbor Room
7:30 – 8:30	<i>Breakfast (Buffet)</i>	Seal Harbor Room
8:45 – 9:00 (General Session)	Welcome/Opening Remarks Pender Makin, MDOE, Commissioner of Education	Bass/Northeast Harbor Room
9:00 – 10:00 (General Session)	Keynote/Kickoff <i>Shawn Achor</i> , a world-renowned expert on positive psychology and best-selling author of “The Happiness Advantage” and his newest book, “Big Potential”. This session will livestream virtually.	Bass/Northeast Harbor Room
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 11:00	Concurrent Workshops: Session 1 <u>“Big Potential” Follow-up Session from Shawn Achor's Session –</u> This session will facilitate discussion and debrief from morning keynote. *Jessica Nixon <u>School Health Services in Maine: The Changing Landscape</u> - In this presentation we will discuss school health services as a necessary component of educating students within the State of Maine. While reflecting on local data, we will identify innovation and tools in school health services and highlight the importance of the perspective of health in all policies and communications. *Emily Poland, MPH RN, Tammy Diaz, MPH RN, Sarah DeCato MSN RN	Bistro Hulls Cove Room

	<p><u>Strategies for Leveraging Emergency Resources</u> – Examples and ideas for strategically using federal funds to make lasting positive changes. *Shelly Chasse-Johndro, Monique Sullivan, and Chelsey Fortin-Trimble</p> <p><u>DOE Strategic Priorities Feedback</u> - At the start of this administration, our team engaged internal and external stakeholders through statewide think tanks and focus groups to hear hopes and needs from the DOE. Strategic Priorities were developed to guide our work and to focus our efforts on behalf of the field. In this session, we encourage superintendents to provide your expertise and voice to share feedback that will inform the next iteration of our Strategic Priorities. *Daniel Chuhta and Megan Welter</p>	<p>Southwest Harbor Room</p> <p>Seawall Room</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Break	
11:15 – 12:00	<p>Concurrent Workshops: Session 2</p> <p><u>A Flexible and Nimble Approach to MTSS</u> - Structures, systems, and resources that will help your teachers to meet the needs of all students. *Andrea Logan</p> <p><u>DOE Strategic Priorities Feedback</u> - At the start of this administration, our team engaged internal and external stakeholders through statewide think tanks and focus groups to hear hopes and needs from the DOE. Strategic Priorities were developed to guide our work and to focus our efforts on behalf of the field. In this session, we encourage superintendents to provide your expertise and voice to share feedback that will inform the next iteration of our Strategic Priorities. (Repeated session) *Daniel Chuhta and Megan Welter</p> <p><u>Federal Emergency Resources – Sharing your Narrative / Preparing for Future Audits</u> - Investments of Federal emergency funding will be closely watched by community members, press, and US ED. This session provides ideas for framing your plans and programs and offers information about the Federal auditing process. *Shelly Chasse-Johndro and Marcus Mrowka</p>	<p>Hulls Cove Room</p> <p>Seawall Room</p> <p>Southwest Harbor Room</p>
12:00 – 1:30	<p>Lunch (Plated Meal)</p> <p>**<u>Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet</u> (Note time change this year)</p>	Bass/Northeast Harbor Room
1:30 – 2:15	<p>Concurrent Workshops: Session 3</p> <p><u>A Whole Student Approach</u> - This session provides participants with a district leader’s toolkit for promoting student achievement and wellbeing. * Dr. Leigh Alley, Maine ASCD</p> <p><u>Maine’s 130th Short Session</u> - An overview of key legislation from the most recent session and implications for Maine Schools. *Megan Welter & Vicki Wallack</p>	<p>Hulls Cove Room</p> <p>Southwest Harbor Room</p> <p>Seawall Room</p>

	<p><u>Assessment Updates</u> - Prior to the COVID disruption, Maine educators and school/district leaders were asking for changes to our assessment system, prioritizing: a need for immediate and actionable data; an assessment that could double as a through-year progress monitoring tool and as the required summative assessment; and a less cumbersome platform in general. This session provides an overview of our current transition phase and of the plans for upcoming years. *Daniel Chuhta</p>	
2:15 – 2:30	Break	
2:30 – 3:15	<p>Concurrent Workshops: Session 4 <u>A Whole Student Approach</u> - (Continuation)</p> <p><u>The Era of Electric School Buses</u> – A discussion on the opportunities and trends around electric school bus procurement and utilization in Maine, including discussions around Maine’s School Bus Program, EPA’s Clean School Bus initiative and other grants and programs to help with the transition to the next generation of bus transportation options. *Jess Nixon, Brian Hubbell, Douglas Van Gorder, and Alex Pine</p> <p>** Please Note: The electric bus will be parked alongside the fence adjacent to the Event Center in a spot marked: BUS for attendees to easily access and get on the bus from 2pm-4pm.</p> <p>At 4pm - a one-way ride to downtown Bar Harbor on an electric school bus will be available for people that wish to take advantage of this service.</p> <p><u>Maine’s 130th Short Session</u> – (Continuation) overview of key legislation from the most recent session and implications for Maine Schools (PART II).</p>	<p>Hulls Cove Room</p> <p>Southwest Harbor Room</p> <p>Seawall Room</p>
	<p>Dinner on Your Own (Enjoy the Evening in Bar Harbor)! A one-way ride to downtown Bar Harbor on an electric school bus will be available.</p>	Downtown Bar Harbor

