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**109th Annual Commissioner’s Conference for Superintendents**

*Portland Sheraton at Sable Oaks, South Portland*

*September 26-28, 2021*

 ***Agenda***

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| ***Sunday, September 26*** |

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|  | **Check in for Overnight Lodging (if desired)** |  |
| 5pm-7pm | **Welcoming Reception** *(Appetizers & Cash Bar)* | Casco Bay Ballroom |

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| ***Monday, September 27*** |
|  | **Registration – open throughout the day** | *Grand Ballroom Foyers* |
|  | **\*\*\* Visit the Grand Ballroom during any Breakout Session to Meet with DOE Specialists and Q/A on various topics** |  |
| 8:00 – 9:00 | *Breakfast (Buffet)****Featuring performances from a student band*** | Grand Ballroom Salon D/E |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | **Commissioner’s Welcome**Pender Makin, MDOE, Commissioner of Education | Grand Ballroom Salon D/E |
| 9:15-10:15 | **Keynote (General Session)*****Dr. John Medina*,** a developmental molecular biologist and researcher & best-selling author of “Brain Rules”.  | Grand Ballroom Salon D/E |
| 10:15-10:30 | **Morning Break** |  |
| 10:30-11:30 | **Breakout:*****Collaborative Planning Teams*** - Participants will gain strategies for developing a team, establishing protocols, and revising emergency preparation and response plans.***A "Whole Person" Approach to Supporting the Adults in School Communities*** -How relatively small steps, deliberately implemented, can significantly increase the capacity and commitment of your team during these especially challenging times.***The other end of the MTSS Continuum - A Universal Approach to “GT”*** *-* Recognizing that the “gifted” label is imprecisely determined and often harmful to both the identified student and to classmates and siblings, this session proposes a framework for meeting the needs of all learners who demonstrate a need or readiness for additional challenge. | Salon ASalon BSalon C |
| 11:30-12:30 | **Breakout*****The Paradox of Navigating "True North" in an Age of Perpetual “Pivot”*** - Interactive panel discussion for leaders to share challenges, ideas, and best practices.***Follow up session - Debriefing Dr. Medina's session*** *-* This discussion-based session will examine key points about reframing stressful situations to foster resilience in staff and students.***Whole Student 101 - Organizational considerations to set students and staff up for success*** *-* This session provides participants with a district leader’s toolkit for implementing best practices. | Salon ASalon BSalon C |
| 12:30-2:00 | **Lunch**Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet **(Note time change this year)** | Grand Ballroom Salon D/E |
| 2:15 – 3:15 | **Breakout*****Identifying and Leveraging Opportunities Amid the Crisis*** *-*Strategies for using the disruption to make positive changes; strategically using Federal resources, maximizing. benefit of relationships...).***Maine’s 130th Long Session*** *-* An overview of key legislation from the most recent session and implications for Maine Schools (PART I).***SEL4Me and MOOSE*** *-* Participants will learn how to access and maximize the benefits from Maine’s FREE online SEL curriculum and interdisciplinary learning modules. | Salon ASalon BSalon C |
| 3:15-3:30 | **Break** |  |
|  | **Dinner on Your Own** |  |

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| ***Tuesday, September 28*** |
| 8:00 – 9:00 | *Breakfast (Buffet)****Featuring performances from a student band*** | Grand Ballroom Salon D/E |
| 9:15 – 10:15 | **Keynote*****Shawn Achor***, a world-renowned expert on positive psychology and best-selling author of his newest book, “Big Potential”. | Grand Ballroom Salon D/E |
| 10:15-10:30 | **Morning Break** | Grand Ballroom Salon D/E |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | **Breakout*****Federal Relief Funding*** *-*Our finance team will provide an overview of Federal funding programs (differences, similarities, limitations, and ideas/options). ***“Big Potential”Follow-up Session from Shawn Achor's Session*** *-*This session will facilitate discussion and debrief from morning keynote.***Maine’s 130th Long Session*** *-*An overview of key legislation from the most recent session and implications for Maine Schools (PART II). | Salon ASalon BSalon C |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | **Breakout*****Community Schools and School Based Health Centers*** *-*This session will provide information on expanded funding and partnership opportunities for Maine schools. ***RREV!*** - Participants will learn about (FREE, thanks to a federal grant) professional development and coursework available in innovation engineering for educators - and funding to support innovative instructional models.***The future of Assessment and Accountability in Maine*** *-*This interactive session will provide updates and offer opportunities to share your input, ideas, concerns, and hopes. | Salon ASalon BSalon C |
| 12:30 | *Lunch (Brown Bag/To Go)* | Grand Ballroom Salon D/E |
| 12:30-1:00  | **Closing Remarks** Pender Makin, MDOE, Commissioner of Education |  |
| 1pm | **Conference Ends** |  |