



2014-2015 MA ESE Learning & Networking Opportunities for Student Support, Social Emotional and Wraparound Strategies

2014-2015 Opportunities at a Glance

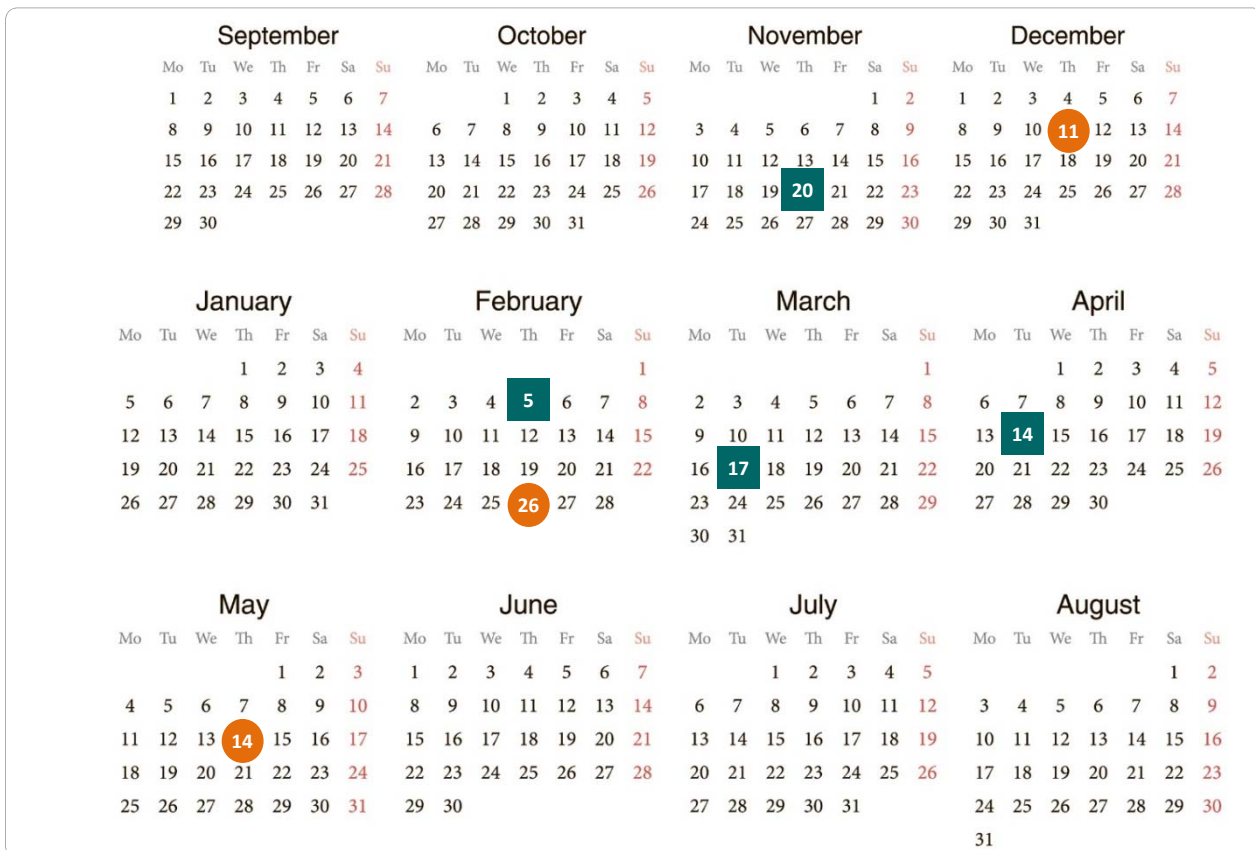
Don't miss these great opportunities to learn from and connect with peers around the state. Workshops are now open to all schools and districts interested in strategies for addressing the social-emotional and non-academic barriers to learning. The new Urban Leaders Network is open to anyone from an urban or Gateway city who oversees or coordinates student support, social-emotional aspects of learning, school climate/culture) or wraparound strategies.

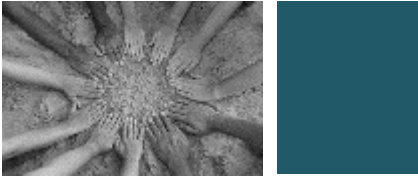
Special Workshops - open to anyone from any Massachusetts school district. [Registration](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WAZ_Trainings) is now open at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WAZ_Trainings

- November 20, 2015; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | *Developing Parent Academies & Other Capacity-Building Strategies*
Hogan Center, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester
- February 5, 2015; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | *Getting Under the Hood of the "Tiered System of Supports" Model*
Worcester Technical High School, Worcester
- March 17, 2015, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | *Cultivating Strong School-Community Mental Health Partnerships*
Worcester Technical High School, Worcester
- April 14, 2015; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | *Facilitating Critical Student Support Meetings*
Worcester Technical High School, Worcester

Urban Leaders Network for School Culture & Student Support - open to administrators and leaders from urban or Gateway cities

- December 11, 2014, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, Worcester Technical High School (Network launch)
- February 26, 2015, 9:00 am - 12:30, Worcester Technical High School
- May 14, 2015; 9:00 am - TBD, Worcester Technical High School





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Workshop Descriptions

Developing Parent Academies & Other Capacity-Building Strategies

November 20, 2014; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Hogan Center, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester

Parent academies and universities have become increasingly common. As with most things, however, there are many different models - and numerous lessons to be learned from the varying approaches. This highly interactive session will enable parent academy veterans and those interested in developing or strengthening parent learning opportunities to explore different approaches, share practices and tools, and strategize ways to address common challenges.

Getting Under the Hood of the “Tiered System of Supports” Model

February 5, 2015; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Worcester Tech High School, Worcester

Many schools and districts are familiar with the “tiered system of supports” model. Districts using the approach will tell you: it’s a great framework for getting yourself better organized to support the needs of all students. However, once underway, you start to hit more nuanced and advanced questions: should we do universal assessment or not (and how)? How do we fit “support” strategies into an already packed school day and year? What data do we track to assess our effectiveness and to capture important information (e.g., quality of referred services)? We’ve got Tier 1 and 3 supports down, but what do we do for Tier 2? This session will include a quick “Tiered Systems 101” refresher, then dig more deeply into the details of how to successfully implement tiered system strategies.

Cultivating Strong School-Community Mental Health Partnerships

March 17, 2015, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Worcester Tech High School, Worcester

One of the most common themes in student support and wraparound work is the need for more mental health services for kids. This session will focus on how to develop robust, high quality partnerships with mental health providers and creative ways that school and community providers are working together to address social-emotional barriers to learning.

Facilitating Critical Student Support Meetings

April 14, 2015; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Worcester Tech High School, Worcester

Great student support often comes down to who you have in the room and how well you facilitate the discussion - whether it’s a small meeting between a counselor and a parent, a larger meeting with a student support team, or a meeting with school partners. Believe it or not, facilitating isn’t just about personality and style – there’s good science, methods, and tools that can help you get the most out of these moments. This session will help participants learn how to prepare for and manage these ‘golden opportunity’ meetings.

New! Urban Leaders Network for School Culture & Student Support

Currently, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education convenes five “urban networks” for district leadership (math, literacy and science leaders, ELL directors and superintendents). Following this model, we’ll launch a new network group open to anyone from an urban or Gateway city who oversees or coordinates student support, social-emotional aspects of learning, school climate/culture, or wraparound strategies. Participants might include: student support administrators (academic and non-academic), wraparound coordinators, district staff involved in community partnership development or community & family engagement, etc. Join a group of your peers, leading the same work you are, for meetings 4-6 times a year to share ideas, get support, and identify statewide interests.

Location for all 2014-15 Meetings: Worcester Tech High School, 1 Skyline Drive, Worcester

Network Meeting Dates:

- December 11, 2014 (the initial launch meeting for the Network)
- February 26, 2015
- May 14, 2015