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## Conference Special Announcement!

### **Safe and Supportive Learning Environments: Using an Equity Lens to Support All Students**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in collaboration with the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) will host this event on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-3:00.

Given the importance of healthy social, emotional and physical well-being on learning and development and in an effort to create equitable and inclusive environments for all students, we have designed this gathering to support the

- development of social emotional competencies through every day learning opportunities;
- implementation of trauma sensitive practices; and
- creation of supportive learning environments in community-based programs, schools, and districts that are culturally responsive and inclusive of all students and families.

**Participants will have the opportunity** to learn with and from grade-span colleagues (early childhood/elementary and middle/high school). The day will include a keynote presentation and breakout sessions designed to provide participants with tools and strategies related to the topics listed above. Additionally, there will be networking and planning time to share information learned, engage in vertical alignment of strategies and approaches, and to build collaborative opportunities with colleagues.

**LOCATION:** [Double Tree by Hilton](#) | 99 Erdman Way | Leominster, Massachusetts

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Communities are encouraged to bring teams of 6 – 10 members, consisting of

- A district and school administrator (superintendent, assistant superintendent, special education coordinator, curriculum coordinator, principal, assistant principal, and specialists)
- Classroom teachers
- Early education and care and/or after-school and out-of-school time representative(s)
- Head Start coordinator
- The (EEC) Coordinated Family and Community Engagement specialist (CFCE)

Your team should include representation from early childhood, elementary, middle and high school, as well as community-based representatives from early childhood and after-school and out-of-school time programs.

Individuals and smaller teams are invited to attend as well.

**REGISTRATION:** Use this [link](#) to register. Note that each participant should register individually.

**COST:** The event will be free to attend. Lunch can be purchased the morning of

the event for a cost through the conference center. More information regarding these logistics will be available prior to the event.

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions, please contact ESE's Office of Student and Family Support: 781-338-3010 or [achievement@doe.mass.edu](mailto:achievement@doe.mass.edu)

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