



## Dear MASCD Family & Friends,

As we enter February, we are reminded that leadership in education requires more than strategy—it demands well-being, equity, and empowerment at every level. At MASCD, we are committed to providing insights, professional learning opportunities, and leadership strategies that help educators and school leaders build sustainable, student-centered learning environments.

This month, we are sharing:

- ☐ Professional learning opportunities to strengthen your leadership
- ☐ Wellness & mental health resources to support educators and students
- ☐ Upcoming conferences & networking events to keep you engaged
- ☐ MASCD member resources & spotlights to elevate thought leaders

Explore these offerings, engage with the community, and take what you need to enhance your leadership practice.





LIVE COMMUNITY CHAT

# **SELDay: Sharing Our Best SEL Cookbook Recipes**

Join us in  
nourishment as we  
share tools, insights,  
and supports that  
foster connection,  
meaning, and healing  
in today's times.

3/4/2025

03:30PM

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**MASCD**

## SEL Day: Sharing Our Best SEL Cookbook Recipes – March 4, 2025

MASCD is partnering with COR Creative Partners to present SEL Day, a live, inclusive discussion on social-emotional learning (SEL) and educator well-being.

- 📖 Live discussions on SEL strategies that foster connection, meaning, and healing
- 📖 An idea exchange on Whole Child & Whole Educator support
- 📖 Practical takeaways to implement SEL in your school
  
- 📖 Register today!
  
- 📖 [SEL Day Registration](#)



## **Commitment to Action Opportunity: MHL Aware for Degree-Seeking School Professionals**

In partnership with the Clinton Global Initiative, The MHLC will train 30,000 degree-seeking school professionals in their foundational, one-hour MHL Aware learning program at no cost to students or institutions.

**The Problem:** Despite many states requiring or encouraging mental health education in recent years, a tremendous policy-to-practice gap remains. School communities are struggling to get started with mental health education. There are many reasons, but a lack of knowledge and confidence around the topic of mental health are primary barriers.

**A Foundational Part of the Solution:** MHL Aware provides educators with the knowledge and confidence they need to take the next steps toward effectively implementing MHL into their school communities.

**The Aware training focuses on educating individuals about:**

- What MHL is
- Why it is beneficial
- How they can bring this information to their community

**Benefits for Emerging School Professionals:** MHL Aware provides the knowledge, confidence, and resources school professionals need to take the next steps toward effectively implementing MHL into the school communities they will be joining.

**How You Can Help:** The MHLC seeks partnerships with institutions of higher education that serve degree-seeking education professionals. Additionally, the MHLC welcomes connections to other organizations that may fit the scope of this initiative or have interest in partnership or support.

For More Information, Contact:  
[DONNA@THEMHLC.ORG](mailto:DONNA@THEMHLC.ORG)

## **□ WELLNESS & MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR EDUCATORS & STUDENTS**

### **Mental Health Literacy (MHL) Aware Certification – FREE Training**

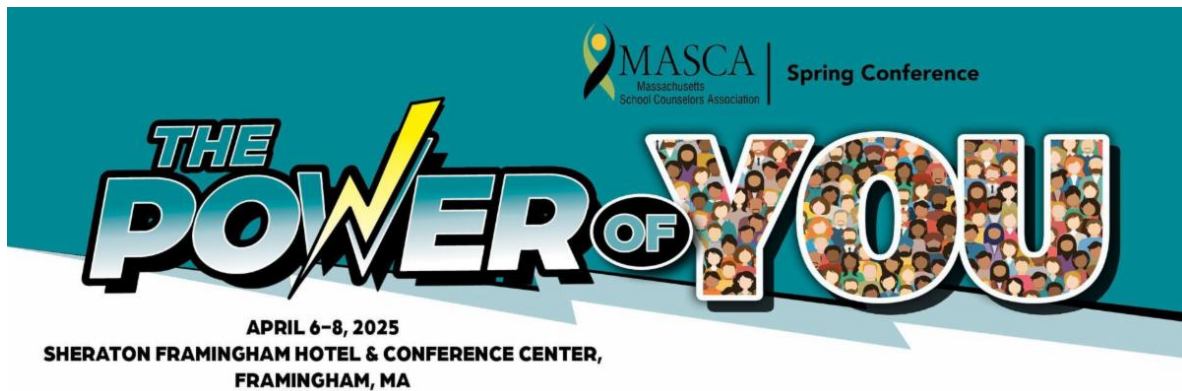
The MHL Aware Certification is available at no cost to 30,000 future educators, counselors, and school leaders, helping integrate mental health awareness into schools.

**📖 What You'll Gain:**

- ✓ A 1-hour foundational training designed to build knowledge and confidence around mental health literacy
- ✓ Practical strategies for integrating mental health literacy into school communities
- ✓ Access to resources and tools for long-term implementation



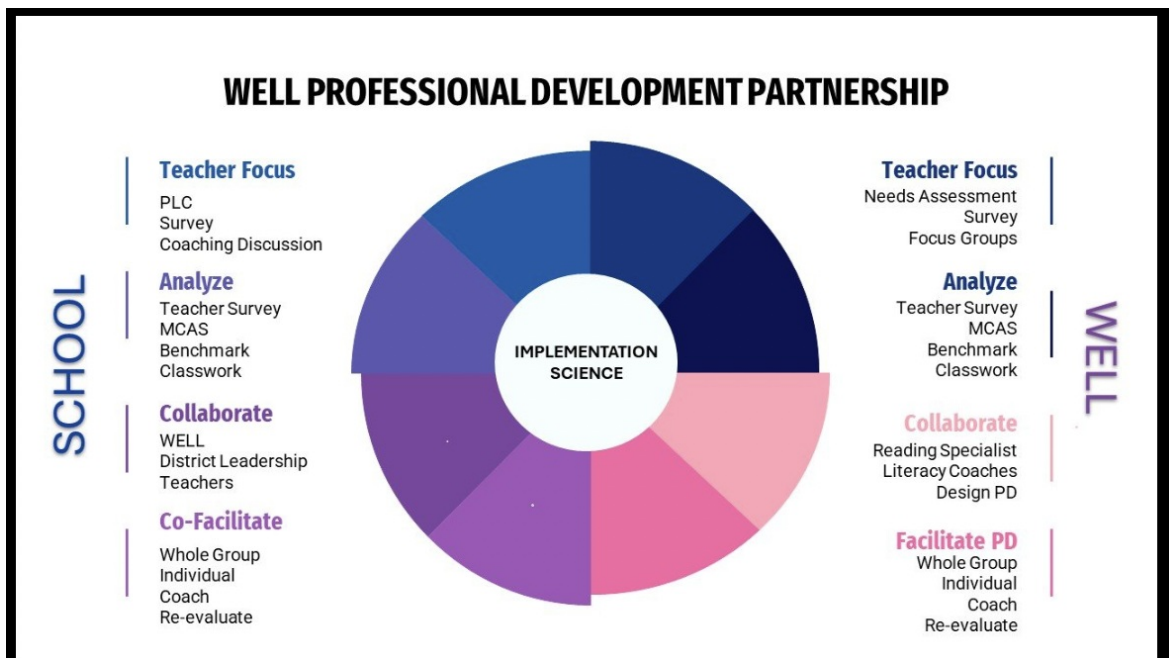
📄 Learn more & register: [MHL Aware Certification](#)



## MASCA Annual Conference – April 6-8, 2025

The Massachusetts School Counselors Association (MASCA) Conference is back! Join school counselors, administrators, and mental health professionals from across the state for an inspiring weekend of professional learning and networking.

📄 Register & Learn More: [MASCA Annual Conference](#)



## 📄 Writing in Schools Exchange Project (WISE): A Research-Based Approach to Strengthening Literacy

The Writing in Schools Exchange Project (WISE) provides professional development for K-8 educators focused on evidence-based writing instruction. This initiative brings together implementation science, coaching, and progress monitoring to improve literacy outcomes.

📄 Take advantage of free & low-cost PD for your school!



## 📄 Professional Learning Opportunity: Creating a Mid-Year Classroom Reset

Join MASCD members Maureen Chapman & James Simons, co-founders of COR Creative Partners, as they collaborate with Illinois ASCD to present a two-part virtual series on Creating a Mid-Year Classroom Reset. This session is designed for educators and school leaders looking to reignite student engagement, strengthen instructional strategies, and reset the classroom culture mid-year.

📄 Date: **February 12 – February 26, 2025**

📄 Time: **9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (EST)**

📄 Location: Live on Zoom (with On-Demand Access)

📄 Take advantage of this powerful professional development opportunity!

📄 Register Today: [Creating a Mid-Year Classroom Reset](#)



## □ Talk About Teaching: Growth-Focused Observations & Feedback

How do we move beyond compliance-based evaluations and create a culture of meaningful feedback and professional growth?

The Danielson Framework for Teaching provides a powerful teacher-centered approach that helps school leaders and instructional coaches:

- ▣ Build whole educators through growth-focused professional learning
- ▣ Strengthen instructional leadership with constructive, equity-driven feedback
- ▣ Promote student intellectual engagement through rigorous and responsive teaching

▣ [Register here.](#)



# TEACHERS ARE LEADERS!!

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[K12Leaders.com](http://K12Leaders.com)

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Lead with us.  
Be the difference.**



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In education, every role is vital,  
every person a leader.

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NOW**

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EDUCATORS  
FOR  
EDUCATORS!**


As many educators move away from Twitter and onto Blue Sky, there is a need for a trusted online space for collaboration, learning, and professional networking.


🔗 Join K12Leaders today! This secure and supportive community is designed specifically for K-12 educators looking to share best practices, engage in meaningful discussions, and build connections with like-minded professionals.

🔗 Join now: [K12Leaders Community](#)

🔗 #K12Leaders #EducationCommunity


# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES ON ANTI-RACISM IN EDUCATION

 **Biweekly Virtual Sessions on:**  
3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29

 **3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

## REGISTER NOW

 [REGISTRATION LINK](#)

 [ralphs@care4equity.org](mailto:ralphs@care4equity.org)



This virtual PD series offers New England school professionals the opportunity to:

- Engage in actionable strategies to implement anti-racist practices
- Build culturally responsive curricula that reflect diverse student identities
- Develop social-emotional supports to sustain educators' wellbeing in challenging contexts

### Who Should Attend?

- Administrators, teachers, counselors, and support staff who are committed to anti-racist practices

### Why Join?

- Gain 10 “Contact Hours” of professional development
- Network with a dedicated community of educators and leaders; participate in affinity spaces
- Contribute to a more inclusive, equitable education system for all students
- Receive a \$100 stipend upon completion of the full series



## Professional Development Series on Anti-Racism in Education via Great Schools Partnership and CARE

Virtual PD series offers New England School Professionals to engage in various strategies to implement antiracist strategies held on 3/8, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29.

*[Register here.](#)*



# INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE LEADERS

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE  
WHO QUALIFY!



## Build a diverse bench of leaders who are principal-ready.

The Fellowship prepares full-time teachers to move into the principal role. As an online program, the Fellowship offers pathways to principal certification—with or without a master's degree—in 40+ states via a network of accredited college and university partners. Designed in partnership with two preeminent minority-serving institutions—Morehouse College and Clark Atlanta University—the Fellowship prepares equity-focused leaders. Bring the Fellowship to your school system.

## WHY THE FELLOWSHIP?

We partner with school systems to prepare diverse cohorts of effective principals while also:

- Retaining teachers with a cost-effective option for career advancement
- Improving learning outcomes and removing barriers to student success
- Reducing recruitment costs by building the capacity of your existing staff
- Advancing school cultures that promote equity, inclusion, and excellence

## OUR EVIDENCE BASE

New Leaders has the most effective approach to principal development in the country.

Multiple independent evaluations have proven that in schools led by a New Leaders principal:

- ✓ Students perform better in reading and math
- ✓ Students have better attendance rates
- ✓ Students gain additional months of learning
- ✓ Principals themselves stay longer in their roles

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Learn more by [clicking here](#).

You can also reach out to **Alex Rodriguez, Director of Partnerships at New Leaders** [here](#).



Massachusetts Partnership for  
**DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION**  
Multicultural Staffing Initiatives for Public Schools

# MPDE Educator Diversity Career Fair

Teachers, Paraprofessionals,  
Social Workers, Psychologists,  
Administrators and Others,  
come meet the following  
school districts in  
**ONE place!!**

**Brookline, MA**

Brookline High School  
115 Greenough Street




**SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025**  
**10AM-2PM**

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|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Abington          | Framingham       | Randolph            |
| Andover           | Hingham          | Revere              |
| Arlington         | Holliston        | Scituate            |
| Attleboro         | Lexington        | Sharon              |
| Auburn            | Lincoln-Sudbury  | Somerville          |
| Barnstable        | Lowell CCPS      | Shore Collaborative |
| Belmont           | Lynn             | Stoughton           |
| Boston            | Malden           | Taunton             |
| Brookline         | Mansfield        | Walpole             |
| Cambridge         | Marblehead       | Waltham             |
| Canton            | Marshfield       | Watertown           |
| Carver            | Medford          | Wayland             |
| Chelmsford        | Milton           | Wellesley           |
| Concord/Concord-  | Nashoba Regional | Westborough         |
| Carlisle Regional | Natick           | Westford            |
| Danvers           | Needham          | Westwood            |
| East Bridgewater  | New Bedford      | Wilmington          |
| Easton            | Newton           | Whitman             |
| Falmouth          | Northborough     | Woburn              |
| Fitchburg         | Quincy           |                     |
| Foxborough        |                  |                     |



**REGISTER NOW**




The Massachusetts Partnership for Diversity in Education (MPDE) is committed to recruiting and assisting in producing career opportunities for educators and administrators from diverse backgrounds, and forming collaborative relationships that will enhance staff diversity within our school districts.

## Massachusetts Partnership for Diversity in Education’s Diversity Career Fair

MPDE is committed to recruiting and assisting in producing career opportunities for educators and administrators from diverse backgrounds, and forming collaborative relationships that will enhance staff diversity within our school districts. We recognize that local public school districts are in crisis mode working to fill positions that are vital to keeping our schools up and running. With over 55+ districts represented at this event, we are hoping to address this need and fill as many of these necessary positions as possible!



Date: Saturday March 1, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM EST

Location: Brookline High School, 115 Greenough Street, Brookline MA

[Register here](#)

# APPLY TODAY

## NOMINATIONS FOR COHORT IV 2025-2027 ARE OPEN!



**2-4 YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE**



**TEACHING GRADES K-12**



**EXCITED TO LEARN AND GROW**



**CLASSROOM TEACHER**

### CLOC Fellowship Apply Now

Early career educators of color, are you interested in being a driving force for positive change within your educational community? The Classroom Leaders of Color Fellowship (CLOC) is expanding beyond Boston, and we invite you to be part of this impactful journey. Apply now to join Cohort IV!

Round 2 Applications are open! [Apply Now](#) or [Nominate an Early Career Educator today!](#)

CLOC Fellowship is a two year cohort model designed to increase Educators of Color's impact, input, and income!

Fellows will receive:

- One to One Coaching & Mentoring



- Growing community of educators with shared identities
- Professional development focused on leadership development and wellness
- A Bonus to support their journey to increasing their income

Qualifications:

- Boston and greater Boston based Classroom Teacher
- 2-4 years of teaching experience
- Teaching grades K-12
- Excited to learn and grow



PURESPARK IN CONNECTION WITH THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE PRESENTS  Museum of Science.

# THE **PLUG!**

HELPING YOU NAVIGATE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH BY  
CONNECTING YOU WITH THE RIGHT RESOURCES

**MARCH 20, 2025** 6:30pm  
**Panel Discussion | Music | Food | Wellness Providers**  
**PureSpark Celebrates 5 Years of Service**

**Museum of Science**  
 1 Science Park Boston, MA 02114

[www.yourpurespark.com](http://www.yourpurespark.com)

Join us for "The Plug," PureSpark's signature event in partnership with Museum of Science, where we're bringing together a vibrant community of individuals, practitioners, and organizations passionate about mental health.

[RSVP here](#)



## □ Call for Presenters & Upcoming Conferences

📅 THRIVE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE APRIL 2025

📅 MSAA Summer Institute 2025 – July 23-25, Plymouth, MA

📅 NAMICON 2025 (Virtual) – June 11-13 (Call for Proposals Open!)

Interested in presenting? These conferences are looking for dynamic educators, school leaders, and researchers to share innovative ideas and best practices!

📅 Submit a proposal/Learn More About the Conference:

📅 [MSAA Summer Institute Proposal](#)



## 📄 **Educator Resources Spotlight: Empowerment, Wellness & Leadership**

At MASCD, we are committed to amplifying voices and sharing impactful resources that support educators, school leaders, and communities. This month, we're spotlighting incredible MASCD members and MASCD partners & thought leaders providing transformative insights, strategies, and professional learning experiences.

📄 Explore these resources for yourself and share them with your team!

### 📄 **Michelle Singh – The Restful Teacher™**

Feeling overwhelmed by the demands of teaching? The Restful Teacher™ program helps educators thrive socially, emotionally, and professionally while preventing burnout.

📄 Explore More: [Michelle Singh's Resources](#)

### 📄 **Dr. Chaunté Garrett – The Garrett Collective**

Dr. Garrett's work is dedicated to empowering school leaders and educators through equity-driven coaching, data-informed strategies, and sustainable school transformation.

📄 Learn More: [EmpowHer Education](#)

### 📄 **Tammy Musiowsky – Plan Z Education**

Tammy's work centers on relationship-building, student engagement, and self-care for educators. She also hosts a powerful podcast series featuring expert discussions on innovative teaching strategies.

📄 Listen & Learn: [Plan Z Education Podcast](#)

### 📄 **Dr. Jewel White-Williams – Iconic Wellness & Self-Care for Educators, MASCD Member**

Dr. Jewel White-Williams' work redefines educator wellness through coaching, speaking engagements, and self-care initiatives designed to support educators' personal and professional well-being.





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📌 TikTok: [tiktok.com/@wearemascd](https://www.tiktok.com/@wearemascd)

📌 **Want to co-host a live or virtual event with us?** We'd love to hear from you! Submit your interest here: <https://forms.gle/uPNhUYV98p3yjEbf7>

📌 **Interested in joining our paid Executive Board?** We're looking for passionate leaders to help shape MASCD's future. Apply here: <https://forms.gle/6NB9KsEGqx Cp6BK29>

📌 **What is Massachusetts ASCD Planning for 2025?** We're looking for passionate leaders to help shape MASCD's future. Check Out ***Our Vision 2025***.

Let's keep the momentum going! We can't wait to see you at our future events and continue building this vibrant community together.

With gratitude and MASCD love,  
Craig Aarons-Martin  
President, MASCD  
✉ [president@mascd.org](mailto:president@mascd.org)

**P.S.** If you haven't already, follow us on social media and help spread the word about MASCD. Every like, share, and comment helps us reach more educators passionate about whole-child and whole-educator approaches.

**P.P.S.** We LOVE hearing from you! If any part of the mission or our meet-up

resonated with you, drop me a quick note. Your words fuel our work! ❤️

📌 Join the conversation using our hashtags: #BelongingInSchools  
#WholeEducatorWholeChild #MASCD2025

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**Save The Date**  
**Greater Food Bank of Boston**  
**Volunteer Event**  
**May 10th 2025 - 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

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