


School Culture & Climate Initiative

School Support Network

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Workshop: It's All About Emotions: The Foundation for Relationships, Connection, Successful Teams and Successful Schools
- Updates / grants
- Dates for your calendar
- Evaluation

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Introductions

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Introductions




Please take a minute to complete the poll.

Thank you!

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School Support Network (SSN)

The Idea...

- **Connection**
- Shared Professional Development – topic focused
- Spotlight Schools


The Details...

- Established in northern NJ 10 years ago
- Originally in-person now virtual with no geographic boundaries
- Over 12,000 professional development hours delivered and have connected thousands of educators

*The SSN is a Project of the **School Culture and Climate Initiative***

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School Support Networks...


- **School Support Network (like today)**
 - 90 minutes – monthly. Professional Development
- **Coffee Chat**
 - 60 minutes – monthly
 - Connection – sharing successes, challenges, support and advice

New!


- **Job-Alike – 60 minutes**
 - School Counselor Network Coffee Chat
 - District/Building Leadership
 - Teachers
 - Parents

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Welcome






Please share two words in the chat that describe how you are feeling today.

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Workshop

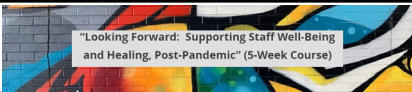
It's All About Emotions: The Foundation for Relationships, Connection, Successful Teams and Successful Schools

Presented by: Patrick Fennell

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"Looking Forward: Supporting Staff Well-Being and Healing, Post-Pandemic" (5-Week Course)

Restore, Rebuild and Reinvigorate Your Resiliency

Each week, we will focus on a different area including:

- Reflecting on your personal success and challenges from the past year
- Identifying the emotions you've experienced and exploring how to manage them
- Successfully Understanding how to allocate your energy for the well-being of you and those around you
- Planning for lasting, positive changes in the post-pandemic years

Two separate sections

- Section for Teachers and School Counselor
- Principals and building leaderships

Developed and led by Erica Brentan and Kathleen McClay. Based on Elena Aguilar's, *Feel Better* Series

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Grant Funding Available

NJ DOE: ESSER II

The NJDOE has done a great job of providing information about the ESSER II funds which were approved by congress in December 2020. SEL, School Climate, Professional Development, PLC's, and Data Collection/Assessment are all eligible for funding.

Extended !! The application deadline is May-14th! June 1, 2021

- Helpful information (links to guidance, PowerPoints and webinars):
- [What Can Be Funded - Considerations for the Mental Health Grant](#)
- [NJDOE Webinar on Using ESSER Funds \(YouTube link\)](#) and [PowerPoint](#)
- [NJDOE Guidance on Allowable Uses of ESSER II Funds](#) - to address pandemic-related learning challenges, a district can use these funds in a variety of ways, including assessments, instructional materials, professional learning, and extended time for professional learning communities (PLCs)
- [Breakdown by District of the Three Funding Streams](#)
- Email questions to the NJDOE at ESSERII@doe.nj.gov

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What SCCI Can Offer

- **Data:**
 - School Climate Assessment (students, staff, parents) with data analysis and in-person detailed data review
 - Other assessment tools available including Equity, Social Inclusion, and Bullying Prevention
 - Student and staff surveys disaggregated by key sub-groups
- **SEL:**
 - SEL teacher coaching (all levels) and professional development in all areas of SEL
- **School Climate:**
 - Three-year all-inclusive, consultant supported, School Climate Assessment and Improvement Process with pre and post surveys
- **Professional Learning Communities (PLCs):**
 - Staff well-being PLCs/Parent PLCs
 - PLCs available that bring schools together around similar jobs (school counselor/administrator) as well as shared professional development (School Support Network)
- **Professional Development:**
 - Trauma-informed approaches, cultural competencies, equity, team building, SEL, and many more areas - designed specifically for your school/district
- **Staff Well-Being**
 - 5-week summer course and extended course next year

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Integrated Approach to Climate Improvement, SEL, and Equity

School climate improvement, social emotional learning and educational equity are interdependent - not competing interests


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The New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), a Sustainable Jersey for Schools program Underwriter, is contributing \$100,000 to support a Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grants Program cycle. The cycle offers four \$10,000 project grants and thirty \$2,000 project or green team support grants. The funding supports efforts to implement projects that help participating schools make progress toward a sustainable future and gain points needed for Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. To see if you are eligible for this grant, [click here](#).



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Sponsor	Project Type	Funding Levels	Cycle Announced	Application Deadline
Gardinier Environmental Fund	Energy	\$10,000 \$20,000	Late Summer	End of October
NJEA	General	\$2,000 \$10,000	Late Summer	End of October
PSEG Foundation	General	\$2,000 \$10,000	Mid-October	Mid-May

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Upcoming Dates!



Coffee Chats-
May 26th- 9:30am-10:30am

Job-Alike Administrator Coffee Chat
July 21, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

School Support Network
September 15th 1:00pm-2:30pm
Kick-off to the new school year!

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Optimistic Close

(Emotions are contagious)



Please share in the chat something you are grateful for.



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School Culture and Climate Initiative - How We Partner with Schools

The School Culture and Climate Initiative:

- Based at the Center for Human and Social Development at Saint Elizabeth University in Morristown
- Working with schools for the last ten years in the realm of school climate improvement and SEL implementation.
- Nationally recognized and award winning programs and resources.
- Also housed at the Center is the Academy for Social-emotional Learning in Schools.

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How We Partner with Schools

- **Professional development** on topics such as trauma-sensitive classrooms, equity and cultural competence, social and emotional learning, adult self-care and more.
- Partnership and guidance through our **school improvement process (SCAIP)**.
- **SEL coaching** to support teacher implementation of practices that meet the needs of the whole child.
- **Assessment tools** including the Equity and Inclusion Survey, Staff, Students and Parent Emotional Well-Being Survey, and the School Culture and Climate Assessment Survey.
- **Connection and collaboration** with other local educators who can support your efforts and share ideas, solutions and strategies.

Customized co-created support for 2020-2021 academic year

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New CASEL SEL Definition

What Has Changed – (from Panorama...link below)

- Exploring the new definition in full, here are the key additions:
- Explicitly states how SEL can **advance educational equity and excellence**.
- Elevates **identity, agency, and belonging** as critical pillars of SEL.
- Acknowledges the positive impact that SEL can have on **building just communities** through **collective goal setting** and making **caring decisions**.
- Emphasizes how **environments, relationships, and broader contexts** (e.g., societal realities, individual realities, socioeconomic status, family dynamics, cultural background, access to opportunities, and experiences in schools) **shape learning and development**.

https://www.panoramaed.com/blog/casel-new-definition-of-sel-what-you-need-to-know?utm_medium=email&tsenc=r2ANatb-8798-1a4b1b1e0e0f1d01608f0e4e0f9b10704e0
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