



**School Culture &  
Climate Initiative**

# School Support Network

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**Supporting, Connecting and Empowering Schools**

# Introductions

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# Welcome



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

- Welcome and Introductions
- Workshop:  
**Building Within: *Developing the Resilience and Well-being of Educators and Students***  
Presented by: *Erica Brentan and Kathleen McClay*, Consultants, School Culture and Climate Initiative
- Social–emotional learning
- Grants
- Resources available from the *School Culture and Climate Initiative*
- Dates for your calendar
- Evaluation

# School Support Network (SSN)

## The Idea...

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

## The Details...

- Established in northern NJ 11 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***

# School Support Network (SSN)

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

# Introductions



Please take a  
minute to  
complete the poll.

*Thank you!*



## **Building Within: *Developing the Resilience and Well-being of Educators and Students***

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# Grant Opportunities

## New Sustainable Jersey for Schools Funding Opportunity!

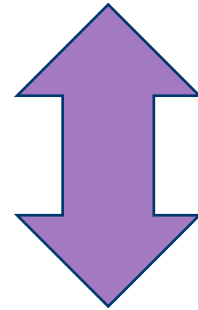
### 2021 NJEA Grants Cycle

- NJEA is contributing \$180,000 to support the Sustainable Jersey Grants Program for public schools and school districts. Funding supports efforts to implement projects that help schools and school districts gain points needed for Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification and make progress toward a sustainable future. For more information, click [here](#).
- **Application Deadline: Friday, October 29, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.**



# The Foundation

The **social-emotional skills** of students and staff create the foundation for a positive school climate.



In a positive **school climate** teaching and learning can happen and all are respected, heard, valued and supported.

# Social-emotional Learning

## Embedded and integrated is the goal...

- Resources from [SEL4NJ](http://www.sel4nj.org/) (<http://www.sel4nj.org/>) available to support SEL
  - Statement – *What is SEL and Why it is Essential*
  - Examples of embedded and integrated SEL – 9 briefs; more to follow

<a href="#">SEL and Academic Learning</a>	<a href="#">Emphasizing Caring Relationships to Support Achievement</a>	<a href="#">Creating Classrooms That Celebrate Who Students Are</a>
<a href="#">Helping Students Feel Welcomed</a>	<a href="#">SEL and Anti-Bullying Efforts</a>	<a href="#">SEL Embedded in Language Arts</a>
<a href="#">SEL Embedded in Social Studies</a>	<a href="#">SEL and Career Readiness</a>	<a href="#">Rooting Out Implicit Bias</a>

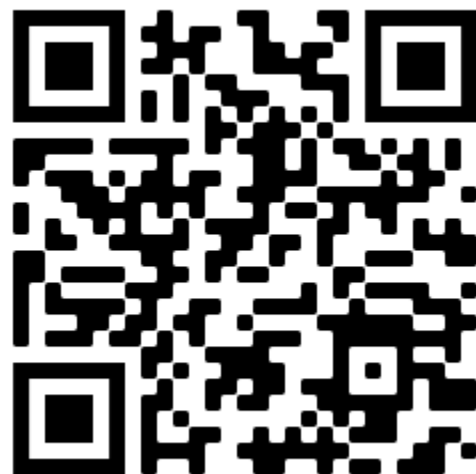
[SEL4NJ.org](https://SEL4NJ.org)

*Please join!!*

# What SCCL 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 baseline and follow-up climate surveys for all in the school community
- **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

# Evaluation – QR Code



Please take a minute to complete the meeting evaluation to help us plan for future SSN meetings, coffee chats, and professional development opportunities.

# Upcoming Dates

## Coffee Chat

September 22 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

## School Counselor Network Coffee Chat

September 29 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

## School Support Network

October 20 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

*Topic and Presenter TBD*

## Administrator Network Coffee Chat

October 27 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

## School Climate Assessment and Improvement Process (SCAIP)

## Professional Learning Community (PLC)

November 16 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

# 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*

# 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 2021-2022 academic year***