



**School Culture &
Climate Initiative**

School Support Network

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Supporting, Connecting and Empowering Schools

Introductions

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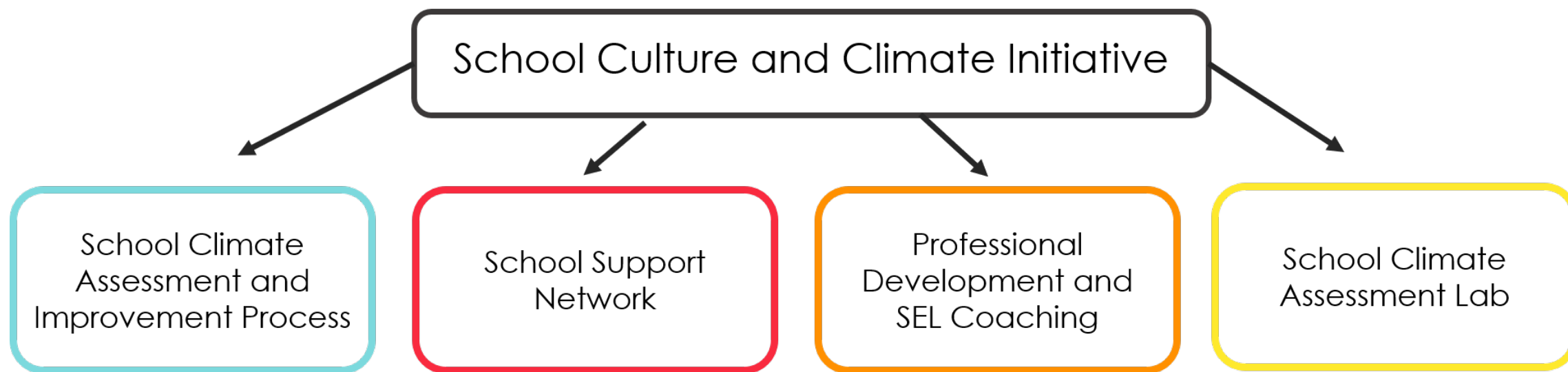
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School Culture and Climate Initiative

Based at the Center for Human and Social Development
at Saint Elizabeth University, Morristown, NJ



School Support Network (SSN)

The Idea...

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

The Details...

- Established in northern NJ 12 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***

Coffee Chats and other PLC's

- **School Support Network (like today)**
 - 90 minutes – monthly Professional Development
 - Topic focused

- **SCAIP PLC**
 - Process-focused
 - For schools who have just started, are in-the-midst of, or have completed the 3-year SCAIP process

- **Coffee Chat**
 - 60 minutes – monthly
 - Connection – sharing successes, challenges, support and advice
- **Job-Alike Coffee Chats**
 - 60 minutes – monthly
 - School Counselor
 - Administrator

- Welcome and Introductions
- Workshop:
"Planning for Sustainability of SEL from the Start: Lessons from the Field"
Presented by: Dr. Maurice Elias
- Social-emotional learning
- Grants
- Resources available from the *School Culture and Climate Initiative*
- Dates for your calendar
- Evaluation

Please take a moment to breathe and reflect – identify two feelings you may be experiencing right now.

If you would like, feel free to share them in the chat!



Introductions



Please take a
minute to
complete the poll.

Thank you!

"Planning for Sustainability of SEL from the Start: Lessons from the Field"

Presented by: *Dr. Maurice Elias*

SEL4NJ.org

Please join!!

SEL Day 2023: Uplifting Hearts, Connecting Minds
March 10, 2023

Sign Up: <https://selday.org/sign-up/?source=scl4nj>

#SELday

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

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

New Sustainable Jersey for Schools-

3 School Climate and SEL related Actions

- Inclusive Environments Where All Can Thrive
- School Culture and Climate Needs Assessment
- Social Emotional Integrated Unit



<https://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com/>

New Sustainable Jersey for Schools Funding Opportunity!

2023 PSEG Grant Cycle

- The PSEG Foundation is contributing \$100,000 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, March 10, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.**



Upcoming Dates

Administrator Network Coffee Chat

January 25 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Chat

February 1 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

School Counselor Network Coffee Chat

February 8 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

School Support Network Meetings

February 15, 2023 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

"The Extraordinary School: Insights into
What Fuels Connection and Belonging
in the Workplace"

Presented by: Amy Moritz

March 15, 2023 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

IN-PERSON at Saint Elizabeth University

Presented by: Patrick Fennell

Save the Date

School Climate Assessment and Improvement Process (SCAIP) Professional Learning Community (PLC) **May 3, 2023 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (*virtual*)**

Networking opportunity designed for SCAIP schools that are:

- just beginning
- are currently in years 2, 3 or extended 4
- or have completed the 3-year process

Educators have the chance to share, learn and inspire each other. Individual representatives or the entire Culture and Climate team are welcome to attend!

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

Optimistic Close

(Emotions are contagious)



Please share in the chat something you are looking forward to...

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.

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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 climate assessment and 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 2022-23 academic year