The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) held a joint Advocacy Conference on March 26-30. This is an annual event that brings together school principals, education advocates, and policymakers from across the United States. The conference focuses on issues related to education, and provides participants with opportunities to learn about the latest research and trends in the field, as well as to engage in advocacy efforts aimed at improving education policy.

At the NAESP/NASSP Advocacy Conference, your state representatives had the opportunity to attend workshops, presentations, and keynote addresses by experts in the field of education. Deputy Secretary of Education Marten reinforced the power of relationships. Topics covered at the conference included teacher recruitment and retention, social-emotional learning, technology integration, and more.

In addition to learning about these topics, we also had the opportunity to participate in advocacy efforts aimed at improving education policy at the local, state, and national levels. We were able to meet with representatives from all four Maine legislators. We challenged each one to follow our state’s motto, “Dirigo, I lead” and to lead our country in creating educational policy that supports each and every Educator and student as well as brings back respect to our profession.

Overall, the NAESP/NASSP Advocacy Conference is an important event for all school principals and education advocates who are committed to improving the quality of education for all students. By attending the conference, we were able to network with other educators, and engage in advocacy efforts aimed at improving education policy.
ED 596: Innovative Leadership Course

October 23, 2023 through December 15, 2023

The MPA and Thomas College has once again partnered to offer a 3-credit graduate course for any educator that can be used toward a Graduate Degree or for recertification, at a reduced cost!!

Click HERE for more information and to register.

MPA Spring Conference
“Lead from Where You Are”
with Dr. Joe Sanfelippo
April 26-28, 2023
Samoset Resort

Maine Student Council State Conference
“Becoming: A Step in the Right Direction”
Wednesday, May 23, 2023
University of Maine, Orono

Keynote Speaker: Eddie Slowikowski is a former world class runner and Gold Medal winner for the USA Track & Field Team.

Click HERE for more information and to register.

Maine Special Education School Law Summer Institute
8 interactive Zoom sessions!
July 10—20, 2023
Monday-Thursday | 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
Registration | $1,250 (includes tuition & required materials)
SPACE IS LIMITED! DON’T DELAY!
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Maine School Finance Summer Institute
July 25, 2023
8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
(Four-Day Institute)
Registration | $1,400
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Planning to Retire?

If you are or know about a principal, assistant principal, or career and technology center director who is planning to retire this year, please notify Patty (pnewman@mpa.cc) at the MPA by Friday, April 21.
Interested in Becoming A Mentor for A New Principal or Assistant Principal?

The MPA is proud to offer mentor/coaching for new principals and assistant principals in our state. The program, now in its 17th year, has the highest number of new administrators working with mentor/coaches in MPA history.

The MPA will offer a Mentor/Coach Orientation and Training on August 9, 2023 at the MPA office. Give consideration to joining the cadre of trained mentor/coaches who are giving back to the profession by working closely with our newest colleagues.

Click HERE for more information.

Click HERE for Application.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP ALL NEW ADMINISTRATORS

Are you in the process of hiring someone new to administration?

Click HERE for more information on the Mentor Program and Click HERE to apply to be matched with a TRAINED, EXPERIENCED mentor!

Give your new hires the opportunity to be the best they can be for their school and your district! (No person named for this position yet? Sign them up as “TBD” and save them a space in the program—space IS limited!)

A Solution to Help Young Children Shine

Help Me Grow is a central access point designed to connect families to information and services about child development and community resources.

In partnership with 211 Maine caregivers and providers can contact Help Me Grow for additional support. Help Me Grow will listen, link families to services, and provide follow-up to both caregivers and referral sources.

How It Works:

Eligibility
We are available at no cost to all Maine children, birth to eight, and their families/caregivers. Parents can also call for assistance during pregnancy.

Centralized Access Point
We assist caregivers and child health providers in connecting children to the grid of existing community and State resources that can help them thrive, through a “warm hand-off” from families to resources.

Resources
We help support a network of connected service providers, that can effectively serve families in Maine who have a variety of needs.

Developmental Screening
We promote working with families to recognize developmental milestones and utilize the Ages & Stages Questionnaires® (ASQ) to assess development. If concerns are identified in the screening process, we work with families to connect to early intervention professionals for further assessment.

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- A family needs additional support navigating next steps in accessing resources (CDS, WIC, etc.).
- A screening needs to be completed, or family needs support completing an online ASQ®.

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The MPA is listing job postings for administrative positions (principal, assistant principal, dean of students, CTE directors, etc.) on the www.mpaprof.org website AT NO COST TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS! The only thing we will need is the title of the position, your district name, the date the application closes if you have one, and the link that will take potential applicants to YOUR site. Please email your job opening to Tammy at tmcnear@mpa.cc.

Lorettta Smith, Secretary, Blue Hill Consolidated School
“2023 Secretary of the Year”

Years ago, the Maine Principals’ Association’s Secretary of the Year award was created to recognize the outstanding work done by school secretaries and administrative assistants throughout the state. All school administrators know that the work they hope to accomplish and significant demands they need to meet, would be impossible without the magic of our highly skilled and accomplished secretaries and administrative assistants.

The recipient of the 2023 MPA Secretary of the Year Award is Lorettta Smith, secretary of the Blue Hill Consolidated School. Ms. Smith was nominated by her principal, Daniel Ormsby.

Loretta has been the secretary of the Blue Hill Consolidated for 38 years. Over the course of her career, she has worked with nine principals, seven superintendents, countless teachers, ed techs, and students.

According to principal, Dan Ormsby, “Loretta is a shining example of a life of service to multiple generations of youth. One of the most common phrases used at our school is, ‘Ask Loretta, she’ll know.’ She is definitely one of Blue Hill’s finest people.”

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April 4, 2023 ~ Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor
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March 17 and 20, 2023
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March 13, 2023
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