



# **NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION of School Superintendents**



## ***Conference Theme***

***Compassionate Leadership:  
Navigating the Future with Social-Emotional Wellness***

*The New England Association of School Superintendents (NEASS) is a unifying leadership association composed of school leaders from six N.E. state school superintendent associations.*

## **REGIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

### **Wellness Activities - Wednesday, October 2**

*(all activities are included with registration)*

- 8:00 AM      **Golf Outing:** Quarry Ridge Golf Course, 9 Rose Hill Road, Portland, CT  
<https://www.quarryridge.com/photo-gallery/>  
*Sponsored by: Savvas Learning, Trane, Pearson*
- 8:30 AM      **Wellness Walk:** East Hampton Air Line Trail, Cranberry Meadow and Bog, East Hampton, CT  
*Guided trail walk with Sharon Cournoyer & Mike Emmett*  
[https://easthamptonct.myrec.com/forms/4846\\_airlinetrailbrochure.pdf](https://easthamptonct.myrec.com/forms/4846_airlinetrailbrochure.pdf)
- 12:00 - 2:00      **Luncheon Gathering:** Concentric Brewery & Winery, 91 Main St., Portland, CT  
*Relax and network over lunch after golf, the trail walk, or simple join in.*  
<https://www.concentricbrewing.com/home>  
*Sponsored by: NWEA*
- 7:00 -10:00 PM      **Kickoff Reception** - Waters Edge Terrace  
*DJ entertainment: Montez Johnson*  
*Sponsored by: Renaissance*
- 8:00 PM      ***Lynch Career Achievement in Education Award***  
Recipient: **David Erwin, CES**  
*Dave has fifty years in education including: 24 years as superintendent, as well as other positions in elementary, secondary, district and post-graduate education as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and university instructor. He currently serves as RESC Alliance Coordinator for six Connecticut regional education service centers.*

# **General Session - Thursday, October 3**

*(all sessions, meals, and gatherings are included with registration)*

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration

6:30 - 7:30 AM      **Yoga Session** ~ Waters Edge Terrace  
*Guided by: Sharon Cournoyer*

7:00 - 9:00            **Breakfast buffet**

9:00                    **Opening Remarks**  
Daniel Sullivan III, President 2024-2025

## ***Duckworth Lifetime Achievement Award***

Recipient: **Fran Rabinowitz**

*Fran Rabinowitz has a wealth of experience serving as Superintendent of the Hamden Public Schools, Interim Superintendent of the Bridgeport Public Schools, classroom teacher, district administrator, Associate Commissioner of Education for the State of Connecticut, and the Executive Director of CAPSS.*

## **Welcoming Remarks**

Host Superintendent, Kristina Martineau, Westbrook, CT

Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont

Connecticut Deputy Commissioner of Education Charlene  
Russell-Tucker

9:30 - 10:30          **Keynote Speaker** - *Media Relations for Superintendents*  
Presenter: Margaux Farrell, Chief of Staff for Root Center, former News  
Anchor and Olympic Medalist

10:30 - 11:00          Platinum Sponsor appreciation - *Centegix, Right at School*  
Gold - *Age of Learning, Cartwheel*

10:50 - 11:15          Wellness Break

11:15 - 12:15          **Presentation:** *Conducting a Districtwide Wellness Self-assessment*  
Facilitated by: University of Connecticut Leaders

12:15 - 1:00           Lunch buffet - *Sponsored by: Pearson*

1:00 - 2:00            **Presentation:** *There's a Message in the Mess.*  
Arthur L. Miller, Deacon, speaker, author, radio host, revivalist, retired  
businessman, U.S. Army veteran, and former Director of the Office for Black  
Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford

2:00 - 2:20            Gold Sponsor recognition - *Effective School Solutions, Gaggle, IXL Learning, Just  
Right Reader*

2:20 - 2:30            Wellness break

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| 2:30 - 3:30    | <b>Presentation:</b> <i>Athletic Accreditation Panel - NEASC updates</i><br>Fran Kennedy, George Edwards, Bob Baldwin, John Cabral, Glen Lungarini                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3:30           | Followup facilitated discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4:00 - 4:20    | Gold recognition - <i>MyCentrality, Renaissance, Right at School, Ripple Effects</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 4:20 - 4:45    | Exhibitor time and raffle winner announcements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5:15 - 7:00 PM | <b>President's Reception</b><br>Co-hosted by: Colleen Burns Jermain, Immediate Past President<br>Daniel Sullivan III, President<br><i>Sponsored by: Imagine Learning</i><br><br><b><i>President's Award</i></b><br>Recipient: <b>Paul Freeman</b><br><i>Paul Freeman has been a Connecticut educator for more than 25 years. He has been the Superintendent in Guilford since 2011, a Professor at the University of Connecticut, a teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, and Assistant Superintendent.</i> |
| 7:00           | <b>Banquet and Entertainment</b><br><i>Sponsored by: Edmentum</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## **General Session - Friday, October 4**

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| 8:45          | Opening Remarks<br>Colleen Burns Jermain, Past President 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9:00 - 10:00  | <b>Presentation:</b> <i>How to Raise Achievement Without Breaking the Bank</i><br>Alison Mello is a 25-year educator, national speaker, math consultant, and graduate instructor. Alison provides practical strategies that result in the measurable gains that keep everyone happy; from your parents to school boards. |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | Gold recognition - <i>Stryker, Trane, zSpace</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | Wellness break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 10:30 - 11:30 | Presenter: Charles Hewes, CT Deputy Commissioner of Education<br>Charles will share innovative leadership experience building systems for instructional improvement. He utilizes multi tiered, data-informed curriculum design to address student statewide learning outcomes.                                           |
| 11:30 - 12:30 | School Safety Roundtable: Panel of experts and superintendents<br><i>Attendees are encouraged to bring examples of “emergency flip charts” or other useful school safety tools.</i>                                                                                                                                      |
| 12:30         | <u>Conference Adjourns</u><br><i>(Lunch on your own)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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### **AWARD DESCRIPTIONS**

**President’s Award.** The President of NEASS annually selects a prominent individual from their state who has made an impact on public education but who does not necessarily work directly in the schools. The recipient of the President’s Award is someone who is a strong advocate for public education and who understands the important role that public schools play in our society. Through their tireless efforts, they have made a significant difference in their community, state and/or New England public education.

**Dr. Alice Duckworth Lifetime Achievement Award \*.** The NEASS Executive Board annually selects a recipient for the *Dr. Alice Duckworth Achievement in Education Award*. Named after former Connecticut superintendent and longtime NEASS Executive Director, the late Alice Duckworth, the recipient of the Duckworth Award is an outstanding New England educational leader and strong advocate for public education who exemplifies Dr. Duckworth’s outstanding qualities of service to the community, students, the profession, and the New England Association of School Superintendents.

**Dr. Lincoln D. Lynch, Jr. Career Achievement in Education Award.**

The NEASS Executive Board annually selects a recipient for the *Dr. Lincoln D. Lynch, Jr. Career Achievement in Education Award*. The award was established in memory of Dr. Lynch, former longtime NEASS Member, 28-year superintendent, as well as assistant superintendent, principal and teacher. The award recipient is a prominent New England educational leader and strong advocate for public education whose career exemplifies Dr. Lynch’s outstanding qualities of service to community, students, school leaders, and the New England Association of School Superintendents.

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## **NEASS Conference Rotation Cycle**

2024 - Connecticut

2025 - Vermont

2026 - New Hampshire

2027 - Maine

2028 - Massachusetts

2029 - Rhode Island

2024 NEASS Reception at AASA, San Diego, CA - February 15, 2024, 7:30 PM

## **NEASS Past Presidents 1868-2023**

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|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1868 Joseph White                               | 1921 S.C. Hutchinson       | 1975 Joseph H. Gibbons     |
| 1869 Joseph White, Daniel Leach                 | 1922 Ernest W. Butterfield | 1976 Hugh M. Watson        |
| 1870 John D. Philbrick                          | 1923 Harvey S. Gruver      | 1977 Charles B. Johnson    |
| 1871 Abner J. Phipps, Charles Morrills          | 1924 Willard H. Bacon      | 1978 Wendall G. Eaton      |
| 1872 Daniel Leach, Eli A. Hubbard               | 1925 Betram E. Packard     | 1979 Henry J. McLaughlin   |
| 1873 Gilbert E. Hood, Benjamin F. Tweed         | 1926 Burr J. Merriam       | 1980 John K. Boyle         |
| 1874 Admiral P. Stone, Henry Harrington         | 1927 Carroll R. Reed       | 1981 John A. Waters        |
| 1875 Charles Morrill, William Waterman          | 1928 Carroll H. White      | 1982 Thomas J. Pene        |
| 1876 Francis Cogswell, Warren Johnson           | 1929 William B. Jack       | 1983 Robert E. Dikon       |
| 1877 Joshua H. Davis, John D. Philbrick         | 1930 Louis P. Benezie      | 1984 Mark F. Keegan        |
| 1878 J.T. Allard, A.P. Marble                   | 1931 Charles F. Towne      | 1985 Peter G. Dolloff      |
| 1879 Thomas Tash, J.G. Edgerly                  | 1932 Hector L. Beslisle    | 1986 Joseph J. Picano      |
| 1880 Augustus D. Small, E. Hunt                 | 1934 Warren A. Hanson      | 1987 Lincoln D. Lynch, Jr. |
| 1881 S.W. Mason, T.B. Stockwell                 | 1935 Lyman C. Hunt         | 1988 Lawrence R. Miller    |
| 1882 Francis W. Parker, F.D. Davis              | 1936 George R. Gardner     | 1989 Joseph S. Kasprazak   |
| 1883 D.H. Daniels, Edwin P. Seaver              | 1937 Harry L. Moore        | 1990 Richard E. Marx       |
| 1884 John L. Brewster, O.B. Bruce               | 1938 Harold T. Lowe        | 1991 Edgar R. Melanson     |
| 1885 L.H. Marvel, G.C. Fisher                   | 1939 Ernest W. Fellows     | 1992 John W. DeGoes        |
| 1886 G.I. Aldrich, S.T. Dutton                  | 1940 Fred D. Wish, Jr.     | 1993 Thomas J. Cullen      |
| 1887 Thomas Emerson, W.E. Hatch                 | 1941 Guy W. Powers         | 1994 Joseph J. Cirsuolo    |
| 1888 Henry Whittemore,<br>George A. Littlefield | 1942 Harry C. Hull         | 1995 Alice W. Angney       |

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| 1889 J.W. Patterson, Wilhelmina C. Bates | 1943 Earle T. Gray         | 1996 Stanley J. Sawyer                   |
| 1890 H.S. Tarbell, I. Freeman Hall       | 1944 Clarence W. Boswort   | 1997 Richard V. Lates                    |
| 1891 E. L. Kirtland, G.H. Danforth       | 1945 John J. Desmond, Jr.  | 1998 Maureen Chevrette                   |
| 1892 A.F. Pease, C.F. Meleney            | 1946 Lloyd H. Bugbee       | 1999 Paul A. Squarcia                    |
| 1893 Channing Folsom, N.I. Bishop        | 1947 Lyman W. Bole         | 2000 David A. Cressy                     |
| 1894 I.C. Phillips, G. C. Fisher         | 1948 Joseph A. Leonard     | 2001 Greg Scieszka, Jr.                  |
| 1895 A.W. Edson, J.C. Simpson            | 1949 Caleb H. Niles        | 2002 James A. Ashe                       |
| 1896 Mason S. Stone, Louis P. Nast       | 1950 James L. Haney        | 2003 Lyonel B. Tracy                     |
| 1897 Fred Gowing, H.W. Lull              | 1951 Starr M. King         | 2004 Richard Scherza                     |
| 1898 William D. Parkinson                | 1952 Walter P. Sweet       | 2005 Thomas Y. McDowell                  |
| 1899 Mary S. Snow                        | 1953 Allen J. Heath        | 2006 Thomas Y. McDowell                  |
| 1900 Walter H. Small                     | 1954 Roland J. Carpenter   | 2007 Randall Collins, Thomas Y. McDowell |
| 1901 Roscoe D. McKeen                    | 1955 Laurence Thompson     | 2008 Brenda Needham                      |
| 1902 Randall J. Condon, Giles A. Stuart  | 1956 James E. Conlon       | 2009 Marjorie Chiafery                   |
| 1903 Asher J. Jacoby                     | 1957 Charles R. Thibadeau  | 2010 David W. Murphy                     |
| 1904 T.W. Harris                         | 1958 Albert P. Mathers     | 2011 Donald J. Beaudette                 |
| 1905 B.B. Russell                        | 1959 Lloyd W. Moulton      | 2012 Roy Seitsinger                      |
| 1906 Stratton D. Brooks                  | 1960 Lawrence A. Peake     | 2013 John Tindall-Gibson                 |
| 1908 Henry D. Hervey                     | 1961 Lewis F. Foote        | 2014 Nathan Greenberg, David Murphy      |
| 1909 F. H. Beede                         | 1962 Aaron Demoranville    | 2015 Robert Gerardi, Thomas J. Lynch     |
| 1910 Frank O. Drapper                    | 1963 Aura W. Coleman       | 2016 Mario Andrade, Roy Seitsinger       |
| 1911 Bernard M. Sheridan                 | 1964 William H. Curtis     | 2017 Michael Emmitt                      |
| 1912 Arthur Derin Call                   | 1965 Theodore D. Sargent   | 2018 Beth Cobb, Jeanné Collins           |



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| 1913 David Snedden                     | 1966 J. Weldon Russell     | 2019 Beth Cobb, Jeanné Collins |
| 1914 Stanley H. Holmes                 | 1967 Frederick C. Walker   | 2020 Andrew Corey              |
| 1915 Valetine Almy                     | 1968 Edward S. Fitzgerald  | 2021 David Murphy              |
| 1916 George L. Farley                  | 1969 Arthur W. Dalrymple   | 2022 Anna Nolin                |
| 1917 John D. DeMeyer                   | 1970 Edison E. Phelps      | 2023 Colleen Burns Jermain     |
| 1918 Fred H. Nickerson                 | 1972 John L. Houston       |                                |
| 1919 Henry H. Randall                  | 1973 Andrew A. Dominic     |                                |
| 1920 Samuel J. Slawson                 | 1974 Edward R. Martin      |                                |