



THE NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

2026 REGIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Solid Leadership in Shifting Times

OCTOBER 14-16, 2026

Wentworth by the Sea • New Castle, New Hampshire



Three days of learning, wellness, and collegiality across New England.

Wednesday, October 14

ARRIVAL, RECREATION, AND WELCOME

8:30 AM

Golf Outing (green fees & cart included)

*Scramble format. Golfers are encouraged to join the luncheon after the outing.
Pease Golf Course, 200 Grafton Drive, Portsmouth, NH
peasegolf.com/golf/
Sponsored by Trane Technologies*

12:00 – 2:30

Luncheon (buffet and beverages included)

*Gathering after the golf outing.
Location: Atlantic Grill, 5 Pioneer Road, Rye, NH
Less than 2 miles from Wentworth by the Sea
theatlanticgrill.com*

3:00 PM –
8:00 PM

Exhibitor Setup

Exhibitor area: Wentworth Ballroom

7:00

Welcome Reception

*Location: Grand Ballroom.
Sponsored by Instruction Partners and Savvas Learning*

Thursday, October 15

MORNING PROGRAM

7:00 AM

Registration Opens

7:00 - 8:30

Breakfast Buffet

Meal location: Grand Ballroom

8:00 - 5:00

Exhibits Open

Exhibitor area: Wentworth Ballroom

8:30

Opening Remarks and Welcome - General Session location: Grand Ballroom

*New Castle Superintendent Ellen Kaschuluk (part of School Administrative Unit 50)
NEASS President Mario Andrade, Nashua, NH*

9:00

Keynote: Marlon Styles, Recognized Inspirational Speaker & Educational Leader Make Your Move

*There is a future in front of us worth pursuing, and it begins with the choices we make today. Within every educator and leader is the ability to shape what comes next, reimagine what is possible, and bring people together in ways that matter. Make Your Move is an inspirational experience that helps you reconnect with your purpose, embrace your biggest aspirations, and move forward with a renewed sense of what is possible.
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10:00	New Hampshire U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan
10:30	Wellness Break Gold Sponsors Appreciation
11:00	Kim Smith, Co-lead, Digital Promise's Center Unlocking the Power of R & D to Drive School System Innovation <i>Across the country, more than 50 million K-12 students depend on our schools to provide them with a fair start and a strong finish. For generations, America's competitive edge has been fueled by our ability to innovate across technology, healthcare, manufacturing, and beyond. Yet in education, innovation has too often lagged behind classroom realities. Promising breakthroughs in teaching and learning are happening across the country through R & D led by school districts. Reimagine how education R & D can empower every school system to create agile, practice-informed research and innovation</i>

Thursday, October 15

AFTERNOON AND EVENING PROGRAM

12:00	Lunch Buffet Meal location: Grand Ballroom
1:00	State and Regional Hot Topics Superintendents' Panel Discussion featuring: MA Jim Adams; NH Renee Bennett; VT Libby Bonesteel; ME Pam Doyen; CT Fran Rabinowitz; RI Ana Riley
2:30	Wellness Break
3:00	Matt Miller, Superintendents Collaborative Superintendent to Superintendent: Staying Well, Staying Connected <i>Superintendents spend every day taking care of students, staff, and communities, and too often come last on their own list. Drawing on 18 years in the superintendent's chair and conversations with more than 750 superintendents across the country through the Superintendent Collaborative, Matt will talk plainly about what it takes to lead well over the long haul. This session focuses on wellness and life balance.</i>
5:00	President's Reception <i>Reception location: Grand Ballroom</i> President Mario Andrade, New Hampshire <i>Sponsored by Ubeo Business Services</i>
6:30	Banquet and Awards Meal location: Grand Ballroom President's Award: Jerry Frew Duckworth Award: Kathleen Murphy , posthumously Lynch Award: Andrew Corey <i>(see award descriptions and bios below)</i> <i>Sponsored by NWEA</i>

Friday, October 16

CLOSING PROGRAM

7:00 AM	Registration Opens
7:00 - 8:30	Breakfast Buffet Meal location: Grand Ballroom
8:00	Exhibits Open Exhibitor area: Wentworth Ballroom
8:30	Opening Remarks 2026 Past President Libby Bonesteel, Vermont
8:45	Legislative Update Tara Thomas Ng, Chief Advocacy & Governance Officer, AASA
9:30	Business Partner Roundtables - three 20-minute sessions Catapult Learning <i>Join a roundtable discussion on high-impact tutoring and its impact in Massachusetts schools. Mary Beth O'Brien of Framingham and Lizzie Morrison of Franklin Public Schools will share their experiences, highlighting successful partnerships, measurable results, and lessons learned. Participants will explore how high-impact tutoring and instructional coaching can strengthen teaching and improve student outcomes. Facilitated by Catapult Learning's Regina Yeager, Jessica King, and Adam Dolan.</i> Genuine Foods <i>The Hospitality Mindset: How Welcoming Schools Transform Student Lives</i> <i>Discover how a hospitality mindset can transform school culture, strengthen student belonging, and improve engagement and outcomes. Explore practical strategies for creating welcoming environments where every staff member helps students and families feel valued. Drawing on hospitality industry principles, this session offers actionable approaches for schools of all sizes and budgets.</i> NWEA/HMHCO <i>Join fellow superintendents to explore cohesive, sustainable MTSS systems connecting assessment, instruction, and intervention. Discuss how NWEA and the Center for Model Schools partner with districts to strengthen instructional leadership, use MAP Growth and MAP Reading Fluency for universal screening, and connect assessment insights to personalized learning platforms for classroom differentiation and targeted intervention. Together, explore how to turn identified student needs into meaningful action and measurable student growth.</i>
10:30	Wellness Break
10:45	Christopher Motika, Bureau Administrator for Educational Opportunities at the state Department of Education Introducing a School System Research & Development Action Agenda <i>Across the country, more than 50 million K-12 students depend on our schools to provide them with a fair start and a strong finish. For generations, America's competitive edge has been fueled by our ability to innovate across technology, healthcare, manufacturing, and beyond. Yet in education, innovation has too often lagged behind classroom realities. Promising breakthroughs in teaching and learning remain fragmented, inequitable, and slow to scale. To secure our nation's future, we must reimagine how educational innovation happens by empowering every school system to lead agile, practice-informed research.</i>

11:45	Raffle Announcements
12:00	Conference Adjourns

Conference Rotation Cycle

REGIONAL HOST-STATE SCHEDULE

2027	MAINE Save the Date September 29, 30, October 1, 2027 The Westin Portland Harborview, Portland, ME
2028	MASSACHUSETTS
2029	RHODE ISLAND
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2030	VERMONT
2031	NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEASS Awards

HONORING SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP ACROSS NEW ENGLAND

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Jerry Frew

Jerry Frew is the associate executive director of the New Hampshire School Administrators Association. He previously served as superintendent of the Kearsarge Regional School District and as assistant superintendent for curriculum and research in SAU 16, bringing experience in district leadership and support for school administrators.

Selected by the NEASS President, this award honors a prominent advocate whose efforts have made a significant difference for public education in their state or across New England.

ALICE DUCKWORTH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Kathleen Murphy (posthumously)

Kathleen Murphy served as superintendent in Concord, Hampton, and Newmarket, New Hampshire, and led the state Department of Education's Division of Instruction. Concord colleagues remembered her as a mentor and a champion for students who listened closely to their views and continually sought to improve their schools.

Named for former Connecticut superintendent and NEASS Executive Director Dr. Alice Duckworth, this award recognizes outstanding leadership and service to students, the profession, and NEASS.

LINCOLN LYNCH, JR. CAREER ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AWARD

Andrew Corey

Andrew Corey led SAU 41 in Hollis and Brookline, New Hampshire, until 2025. Earlier, he served as assistant superintendent in Londonderry and principal of Londonderry Middle School. A past president of NEASS, he has supported school leaders and public education throughout the region.

Named for former Massachusetts superintendent and NEASS Executive Director Dr. Lincoln D. Lynch, Jr., this award recognizes a career of service to public education, communities, students, fellow school leaders, and NEASS.

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