

EC BOCES Principal & School Counselor Cluster

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 ~ 9 am to 2 pm

Welcome Principals and School Counselors

9 am 504 Presentation with Ella Padilla

Review of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which guarantees persons with disabilities are given the same access to education. 504 is not a special education law and having a 504 plan does not mean that an individual will necessarily receive special education services. Q&A to follow.

10 am CDE State Coordinator for Homeless Children with Paula Gumina

The safety of every child remains top priority. CDE sends information to McKinney-Vento School District Liaisons to support the creation of greater capacity within schools to help identify and support students experiencing housing crises. Paula's will share the importance of identifying, enrolling, reducing barriers and increasing access for students. Q&A to follow.

11 am Break - Elementary Educators relocate to East Conference Room

11:10 am Sessions for Elementary and Secondary Levels

Elementary Principal/Counselor Roundtable Discussion. **Mitzi** will lead a discussion around challenges principals and counselors are facing. Topics can include: With the increased emphasis on social-emotional learning, how has that impacted you, the principal, the counselor? How to enhance the principal/counselor relationship. Consider what opportunities are available for the counselor to have a seat at the table and make the principal's job easier. Current School Issues in common in the room. What are they? What has worked for someone that has had the same issue? What energizes you at school? What drains you at school? Share the best advice someone has given you. Mitzi will gather any future professional development needs that you may have.

CTE Teacher Panel for Secondary Principals/School Counselors **Panelists** include Emily Baylie, Ag Ed/FFA Advisor, Matt Thieman, Industrial Arts, and Tiffeny O'Dell, Health Science. Instructors will share their respective programs, the importance of each and its impact on students and on them personally. They will also share **what principals and school counselors need to know and do** to support their programs. Q&A to follow.

Noon Lunch provided

12:45 pm

Elementary Principals (East Room) Federal Mandate Updates with Mitzi and Megan
Assist schools who receive Title funding in reviewing their fall Title activities and documentation to ensure compliance with federal requirements for implementing these programs. Most district Title programs will be reviewed by CDE in Fall 2025, they will focus on documentation from the 2024-25 school year. If any documentation is incomplete, we will discuss steps for moving forward and plan how to collect the necessary information for the rest of the year's Title activities. Participating schools will benefit, as each grant recipient is responsible for meeting these annual requirements. Our goal is to support students, support schools and avoid any surprises during audit and monitoring events. A key focus will be on the processes and procedures used to identify students participating in Title I and Title III (EL/ML) programs. This is not solely the responsibility of individual teachers. Administrators play an important role in ensuring these processes are followed correctly.

Secondary Principals/School Counselors (West Room) Interplay Learning. Jamie Becka will share how to get students job ready with skilled trades training. Goal is to give students online, on-demand training that brings field-like, 3D simulations and virtual reality in the areas of Residential HVAC, Commercial HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical, Solar, Multi-Family Maintenance and Facilities Maintenance. Jamie will review costs, benefits and program overview. Q & A to follow.

2:00 pm **Wrap Up/Reflections and Evaluation**

Mark your Calendar for the following Upcoming Principal Clusters:

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Agenda to be determined

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Agenda to be determined

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Career/Technical Education Focus

Tuesday/Wednesday, June 10-11, 2025

McGrath Response Training