

New Jersey Association of School Administrators

New Jersey Association of Pupil Services Administrators

37th Annual Spring Leadership Conference

May 15-17, 2019

Caesars Atlantic City

**“Mindfulness for All:
Connecting Leaders and Learners”**



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**Conference Information
and Registration**

The Thirty Seventh NJASA/NJAPSA Annual Spring Leadership Conference will address school leadership, the latest educational developments and best practices to help you maintain a professional and personal balance in your life. You will be choosing from an impressive selection of sessions designed to help you acquire the tools you need in your role as education leader in your community. For many New Jersey school leaders, this conference is **THE** professional development and networking event of the year.

The NJASA Allied Member Exhibition is an integral part of the conference, offering both new and time-tested products and services to help you and your district work more effectively. This is the perfect opportunity to acquaint you with the latest tools and best resources available in education.

***SPECIAL NOTE: The waiver request for overnight lodging (2 nights) was APPROVED by the Commissioner of Education. As a result of this waiver, School Districts will be able to reimburse attendees for overnight lodging on Wednesday, May 15 and Thursday, May 16, 2019. Reimbursement for registration fees, mileage and meals, are subject to the limitations and conditions set forth by your board and the travel regulations set forth by the NJDOE.**

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Caesars Atlantic City is the official host hotel for the 2019 NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Leadership Conference. It is the responsibility of all attendees and exhibitors going to the conference to make their own hotel arrangements directly with Caesars. NJASA has negotiated a special rate for Conference attendees. To take advantage of these special rates, simply call: **ROOM RESERVATIONS 1 (888) 516-2215** before **Monday, April 22, 2019**. Each individual must identify themselves with NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Leadership 2019 and **provide Code SC05LC9** in order to receive the discounted rate. Attendees can also make hotel reservations online at

<http://book.passkey.com/go/sc05lc9>

Reservations made after the cut-off date or once the room block is full will not be eligible for the special rates. NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Leadership Conference attendees will receive the **special rate of \$100 per room, per night**. Each additional person is \$20.00. Rooms are first come-first serve. All applicable taxes and fees are in addition to the quoted rates. Parking is also additional.

Please read on for specific information - and register today!

Visit www.njasa.net for a detailed description of all Group Sessions.

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Conference Registration 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

New Jersey Association of Pupil Services Administrators 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
(RSVP in advance required at njapsa.org)

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GENERAL SESSION 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The Keynote Speaker Program is sponsored exclusively by



Keynote Speaker: Jonathan Mooney



Jonathan Mooney

Jonathan Mooney is an award-winning writer, entrepreneur, and activist who did not learn to read until he was twelve years old. He holds an honors degree from Brown University, is a Harry S. Truman Scholar for Public Service (California, 1999), and was a finalist for a Rhodes scholarship. With the publication of *Learning Outside the Lines* (now in its 28th printing) when he was 23, Jonathan has established himself as one of the

foremost leaders in the neurodiversity and the learning revolution. His second book, *The Short Bus: A Journey Beyond Normal* was published in the spring of 2007 to outstanding reviews in *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune* and many other national publications. Both books are considered foundational texts in the disability rights movement, the inclusive education movement, and the learning revolution and are used in under-graduate and graduate program at universities and colleges across the country including Harvard's Graduate School of Education and Teachers College, Columbia University. A third book will be coming out in the fall of 2019 called "*Normal Sucks.*"

Jonathan is a highly sought-after speaker on neurodiversity, education reform, the learning revolution, and creating college and career pathways for at risk youth. He has lectured in 49 states and five countries. He has been featured and quoted in/on *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *USA Today*, *HBO*, *NPR*, *ABC News*, *New York Magazine*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Boston Globe*.

Special Education Administrator of the Year Award

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Exhibitor Registration and Set-up 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

NJASA "Open" Executive Committee Meeting 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Group Sessions 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

1. Learning Outside the Lines: Do Different for Students Who Learn Differently (Sponsored by NJAPSA)
2. Building an Inclusive Culture in Public Schools
3. Co-Teaching: Two is Better than One
4. Social and Emotional Learning and At-Risk Youth; a Whole-Child Programmatic Approach to Meeting the Needs of Our Most Vulnerable Students
5. Strategies to Successfully Defend Unilateral Placements

- The Lead Teacher Leadership Model
- No IEP Needed! Offering School-Based Intervention and Therapeutic Services to All Students in Need Through Expansion of the RTI Model

Welcome Reception 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Exhibitor Registration 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Conference Registration 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Continental Breakfast 8:00 am – 8:50 am

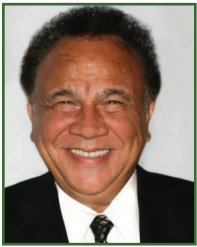
The Exhibit Hall will be open from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to network with NJASA's preferred providers of equipment, supplies and services.

GENERAL SESSION 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Special Award Presentations:

- NJASA President
- Regional Superintendents of the Year
- Superintendent of the Year
- Distinguished Service

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Samuel Betances



Samuel Betances

Samuel Betances is a Senior Diversity Consultant who works to inspire willing learners to excel. Dr. Betances is both entertaining and informative. His story from dropping out of school, growing up in violence and on welfare, to earning two graduate degrees from the Harvard Graduate School of Education is compelling. He also did post-doctoral work at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on

Urban Social Institutions.

He is passionate about social justice and increasing the cultural competencies of mission-driven teams for educating urban students from poverty to study and to graduate. He is a product of reading and promotes reading to excel, wherever he goes. His book *Ten Steps to the Head of the Class: A Challenge for Students* is in its fourth printing and a new version, *Ten Steps to the Head of the Class: A Handbook for Middle School Students* was just released. His book *Winning the Future through Education: One Step at a Time* is receiving excellent reviews from high school educators, principals, students, and parents. Higher education specialists of first-generation students are especially glad for the book. The book serves as a roadmap on how to excel by turning bad study habits into good ones.

“Dr. B,” as his students liked to call him, taught Sociology at the former Chicago Teachers College (now, Northeastern Illinois University) for 25 years. He has worked and conducted workshops for educators in over 956 school systems throughout the USA.

Refreshment Break 10:30 am – 10:45 am

Enjoy a cup of coffee and mingle among the Exhibitors before rushing off to the next session.

Leadership Roundtable Discussion 10:45 am – 11:45 am
(By Invitation Only)

Group Sessions 10:45 am – 11:45 am

- Reducing Anxiety, Stress and Aggression in Students with Autism and Behavioral Disabilities Using Mindfulness Practices

- You Have a Job Offer – Let's Negotiate the Contract!
- How Instructional Leaders Improve Teaching; Partnership for Collaborative Professional Learning
- Technology Tools Enhancing ABA Implementation
- Using Mindfulness to Ease Difficult Discussions
- Connecting the Dots: How to Engage and Empower Staff with Information that Supports Cycles of Continuous Improvement, Targeted Intervention, and Equity Efforts Across Districts and Schools
- The Mental Health Crisis in Schools: A Multi-Pronged Integrated Care Model
- Leading with Literacy: Transitioning from a Manager to an Instructional Leader

Exhibit Hall/Lunch/Networking and Prizes 11:45 am – 1:15 pm

Enjoy lunch and visit with our Exhibitors who graciously support the Associations throughout the year. The knowledge, products and services they bring to this conference are available throughout the conference to assist school leaders in making informed decisions for their school districts.

Leadership Diversity Lunch & Learn 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

We invite you to join us for this Lunch & Learn session which is designed to help minorities or women *in or aspiring to* positions in educational leadership prepare for their next interview. With networking, support and professional development, NJASA wants to create a clear pathway for minority educators to engage, encourage, and inspire one another.

Group Sessions 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

- Harness the Power of Resistance
- Parent and Student Reunification During a School Crisis: Things to Consider
- Telling Your District's Story with Visual Analytics
- How to Identify Behavioral Health and Addiction Issues in the Workplace
- Five Ways to Win Special Education Cases
- Developing a Systemic Assessment Plan: A High-Leverage Strategy for Increasing Student Achievement
- A Roadmap to Attendance Improvement in North Brunswick Township Public Schools
- A Whole Child Approach to School Safety

Women in Leadership Initiative 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

We invite you to join us for this afternoon's session which is designed to help women *in or aspiring to* positions in educational leadership. With networking, support and professional development, NJASA wants to create a clear pathway for women to engage, encourage, and inspire one another. Speaker(s) to be announced.

Break 2:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Group Sessions 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

- NJASA 4 Equity: One Vision, Our Voice
- The Listening Leader
- Simulations Help Administrators and Educators Practice Like Surgeons Do to Improve Performance
- Integrating Social-Emotional Learning into the Classroom: Relationships, Social Awareness, and Self-Management in River Dell Regional School District
- Crisis Intervention Procedures and Protocols in Schools
- The Journey Through Creating a Therapeutic Program
- Collaboration for School Climate Change
- Communicating Sensitive Information During a Crisis

NJASA Legislative Committee

2:30pm – 3:30pm

(This is the regularly scheduled meeting date for this committee. All Committee Members should plan to attend.)

Exhibit Hall Networking and Prizes

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

The Exhibit Hall remains open until the start of the Presidents' Reception. (Cash bar)

NJASA Presidents' Reception

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Don't miss this opportunity to meet new members and renew old friendships while enjoying adult refreshments and light fare.

Friday, May 17, 2019

Conference/Exhibitor Registration

7:30 am – 1:30 pm

Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 8:50 am

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GENERAL SESSION

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Special Award Presentations:

- NJASA Retiree Recognition
- NJASA Emeritus Membership
- Anti-Defamation League
- L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs-On the Street and in the Classroom)

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michele Borba



Michele Borba

Michele Borba is an internationally renowned educator, award-winning author, and parenting, child and bullying expert recognized for her solution-based strategies to strengthen children's empathy and social-emotional intelligence and character and reduce peer cruelty. A sought-after motivational speaker, she has spoken in 19 countries, five continents, and served as a consultant to hundreds of schools and corporations including the Pentagon and 18 US Army bases

in Europe and the Asian-Pacific. Her proposal: "Ending School Violence and Bullying" (SB1667) was signed into California law in 2002. She offers realistic, research-based advice culled from a career working with over one million parents and educators worldwide.

Dr. Borba is an NBC contributor who has appeared 150 times live on the TODAY show and countless shows including: three *Dateline* specials, *Dr. Phil*, *The View*, *NBC Nightly News*, *The Doctors*, *Dr. Oz*, *TD Jakes*, *Anderson Cooper*, *Katie Couric*, *MSNBC*, *Fox & Friends*, *Countdown*, 3 *NBC Education Nation* specials, *Inside Edition*, *Fox*, *The Early Show*, *CNN* and *Dr. Drew*. Her work is featured in *TIME*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *People*, *Boston Globe*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *The New York Times*, *Reader's Digest*, *Globe and Mail*. She's a media spokesperson for corporations including RC2 Learning Curve, Florida OJ, 3M, Ragu, Dixie Cup, Office Depot, Unilever, Splenda, Similac, General Mills, Mastercard, All, Galderma, V-Tech, Cetaphil, Walmart, Johnson & Johnson and consultant to McDonalds and Disney. Speaking clients include U.S. Air Force Academy, Sesame Street, Army Bases, Learning and the Brain, Harvard, H.H. the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and a TEDx Talk: "Empathy Is a Verb."

Borba is the award-winning author of 24 books translated into 19 languages including *Nobody Likes Me*, *No More Misbehavin'*, *Don't Give Me that Attitude!*, *Building Moral Intelligence*, *Parents Do Make A Difference*, *The Big Book of Parenting Solutions*, *End Peer Cruelty*,

Build Empathy, and UnSelfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World. She was a 2016 SHORTY nominee for "Best Social Media Influencer in Parenting."

Dr. Borba is a former classroom and special education teacher with a wide range of teaching experience, including work in a private practice with children with learning and emotional disabilities. She received a Doctorate in Educational Psychology and Counseling from the University of San Francisco, an M.A. in Learning Disabilities and B.A. from the University of Santa Clara, and Life Teaching Credential from San Jose State University. She lives in Palm Springs, California with her husband and has three grown sons.

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2. Mindfulness and Trauma in the K-12 Classroom
3. Using a District-Wide Approach that Aligns Instructional Knowledge, Language, and Tools to Impact Student Achievement
4. New Jersey Leadership Academy – Building Shared Leadership Through Team-Based Professional Learning
5. Teamwork + Reading = Big Gains
6. Attaining Educational Equity: Building Your Framework
7. STEM and Problem-Based Learning with a Purpose: Developing Authentic Learning Opportunities Through Tech and Essential Skills Integration
8. Just Breath!

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Special Presentations

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What is Going on in the Retirement World

Since 2007, there have been four major changes in the formula used to calculate the pension amount a retiring educator receives. Each one reduces the value of the lifetime pension of the retiree. Mort will explain the evisceration of the benefit structure of the TPAF since 2007 and what new changes are being considered.

Presented by Mort Reinhart, NJASA Pension Consultant

Support Our Students State Aid Advocacy Coalition Meeting

The Support Our Students Coalition (SOS) will be meeting to review the status of advocacy efforts pertaining to ensuring that state aid allocations support educational programming for every student in New Jersey.

Facilitated by Michael Harris, Superintendent, Southampton Township

School Administrator Residency Program Mentor Update

(By Invitation Only)

This one-hour session will highlight recent revisions to the NJSARP Handbook and Individualized Residency Plan to reflect 2015 Professional Standards for Educational Leadership. Participants will also be encouraged to share best practices.

Presented by Dr. Mark Stanwood, Director NJ SARP

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ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY
REGISTER TODAY!

<https://www.njasa.net/Page/1916>

Registration deadline is **Wednesday, May 1, 2019**

REGISTRATION FEES

<input type="checkbox"/>	Full 3-Day Conference Registration (Includes EVERYTHING! (Continental Breakfasts, lunches, Welcome Reception, Presidents' Reception and Exhibit Hall))	\$550
OR		
<input type="checkbox"/>	½-Day Pass – Wednesday/May 15, 2019	\$185
<input type="checkbox"/>	1-Day Pass - Thursday/May 16, 2019	\$290
<input type="checkbox"/>	1-Day Pass - Friday/May 17, 2019	\$290

REGISTRATION POLICIES

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED → NO LATER THAN Wednesday, May 1, 2019 to avoid a late charge. Onsite registration will be available. There is an additional \$50.00 fee which will be added to all on-site registrations.

CANCELLATION POLICY → All cancellations must be in writing to Sharon Goulding, via email, sgoulding@njasa.net. Registrations cancelled after 4:00 pm, Wednesday, May 1, 2019, and "no shows" will result in a charge of the specified registration fee.

BADGES → Full Conference Registrants and 1-Day Pass Registrants will all have different color badges. The Spring Leadership Badge is your admittance to sessions and included food functions. All Session presenters are responsible for registering for the conference unless they are only coming in to present their specific session.



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