



Conference Schedule

Keynotes & concurrent sessions are on the 2nd Floor of the Conference Center

Thursday, November 5

10:00 - 4:00	Registration- Terrace Lobby (Conference Center- 2nd floor)
12:00 - 4:30	Exhibit Hall Open (Atlantic Ballroom Hall 2A/B)
12:00- 1:00	Pre-Conference Sessions (Seaside Rooms 4 - 6)
1:15 - 2:15	Pre-Conference Sessions (Seaside Rooms 4 - 6)
2:30 - 3:30	Welcome/Keynote - Frank Kros (Atlantic Ballroom Hall 1)
3:30 - 4:30	Free time to visit Exhibit Hall (Atlantic Ballroom Hall 2A/B)
4:30 - 5:30	Welcome Reception- Shore Deck (2nd floor) Lifetouch Sponsor
5:30	Dinner On Your Own
8:15	Thursday Night Football Happy Hour- Ashore Taproom sponsored by Edmentum & Right At School

Friday, November 6

8:00 - 2:00	Registration- Terrace Lobby (Conference Center- 2nd Floor)
8:00 - 5:00	Exhibit Hall Open (Atlantic Ballroom Hall 2A/2B)
8:00 - 8:30	Breakfast Buffet (Atlantic Ballroom Hall 1)
8:30 - 9:30	Keynote- Dr. Sarah Sirgo (Atlantic Ballroom Hall 1)
9:45 - 10:45	Concurrent Session 1 (Seaside Conference Rooms 2 - 6)
11:00 - 12:00	Concurrent Session 2 (Seaside Conference Rooms 2 - 6)
12:00 - 12:30	Visit Exhibit Hall
12:30 - 2:15	Luncheon/Awards Banquet (Atlantic Ballroom Hall 1)
2:30 - 3:30	Concurrent Session 3 (Seaside Conference Rooms 2 - 6)
3:45 - 5:00	Exhibit Hall Open/Reception- Terrace Lobby- Josten's Sponsor Lifetouch Complimentary Headshots (Exhibit Hall)
5:00	Dinner On Your Own
7:30 - 9:00	DJ Mo- Dance Party! (Seaside 4/5/6)

Saturday, November 7

8:00 - 9:00	Registration- Terrace Lobby (Conference Center- 2nd floor)
8:00 - 8:30	Continental Breakfast Buffet/Welcome (Atlantic Ballroom Hall 1)
8:30 - 9:30	Keynote Panel- Dr. Pepukayi, Dr. Martirano, Dr. Taylor (Atlantic Ballroom Hall 1)
9:35 - 10:35	BOOM Sessions (Atlantic Ballroom Hall 1)
10:35 - 10:45	Closing Remarks/Evaluation (Atlantic Ballroom Hall 1)

Great Keynotes!

Frank Kros
Thursday Mental Health
Keynote



Dr. Sarah Sirgo
Friday Welcome
Keynote

Saturday Keynote Panel



Dr. Michael Martirano Dr. Sharon Pepukayi Dr. Thomas W. Taylor

Maryland's Award-winning Principals!



Dr. Joshua Fine
MAESP/NAESP
National Distinguished
Principal



Dr. Deborah Dennie
MASSP/NPA
Principal of the Year
Middle Level



Dr. Ryan Durr
MASSP/NPA
Principal of the Year
High School Level



Lauren
Specht



Keith
Allshouse



Dr. Rachel
Edoho-Eket



Heather
Garris



Breonna
Hopkins



Dr. Keoshia
Warner-Chaibou



Michelle
Leader



Anthony
Esposito

MAESP 2026 Connected School Leader Award Winners!



Dr. Annie
Mewborn



Arienne
Clark-Harrison



Dr. Aundrea
McCall



Keting
Xiao



Colleen
McFarland



Jessica
Lee



April
Umile



Steven Baker
College Park Academy



Linda Chandler
Old Mill Middle South



Dr. Kendra Hill
Benjamin Tasker Middle



Gina Pucci
North East High



Tito Villosillo
High Point High

MASSP 2026 Leadership Champion Award Winners!



Christy Moore-German
Hereford Middle



Dr. Jasmine Coleman
Glen Burnie High



Kaci Marschall
Leonardtown Middle



Mark Carothers
Poolesville High



Marjorie Vilson
Corkran Middle

Thursday Mental Health Presenters



Taneisha Carter, Lead Clinical Research Specialist
&
Kelly Schaffer, Lead Training Specialist
National Center for School Mental Health



Michael Muempfer, Director
Maryland School Mental Health Response Program
MSDE



Time	Room	Presenter	Title & Description
12:00 - 1:00PM & 1:15PM - 2:15	Seaside 4	Kelly Schaffer Taneisha Carter National Center for School Mental Health	Leading Stronger School Mental Health Systems: Tools for Classrooms, Schools, and Families
12:00 - 1:00PM & 1:15PM - 2:15	Seaside 5	Mike Muempfer Maryland School Mental Health Response Program, MSDE	Your Well-Being Matters: Strategies for school leaders to stay mentally healthy for the long haul
12:00 - 1:00PM & 1:15PM - 2:15	Seaside 6	NDP/POY Panel Dr. Joshua Fine Dr. Deborah Dennie Dr. Ryan Durr	Leading with Care: Supporting the Mental Health & Well-Being of Our Staffs

Friday Concurrent Session Presenters



Dr. Rachel Edoho-Eket



Dr. Loretta Woods



Tracy Hilliard



Dr. Ebony-Nicole Kelly



Dr. Sharon H. Porter



Emily Abell, Jamie Miller,
Tamara Kelly-Molock, Tamba Elliot



Dr. Rhoda Núñez-Donnelly & Tiffanie Nunley



Julia Walsh & Heather Garris



Dr. Sedrick L. Smith



Melissa Kelly, Justin Holbrook, and Linda Chandler



Danna Thomas



Michael Brown



Dr. Renee Singleton



Dr. Tangie Scales & Diedra Barnett



Dr. Matthew J. Bowerman

**Concurrent Sessions
Friday, November 6th**

Time	Room	Presenter	Title
9:45 - 10:45	Seaside 2	Dr. Rachel Edoho-Eket	Leading Through the Noise: Staying Focused on What Matters Most
	Seaside 3	Dr. Loretta Woods	Creating A Positive School Climate & Culture
	Seaside 4	Emily Abell, Tamba Elliott, Jamie Miller, Tamara Kelly-Molock	The Power of Partnership: How Four Principals Lead Better Together
	Seaside 5	Dr. Rhoda Núñez-Donnelly Tiffanie Nunley	Leadership By Design: Building Systems That Transform School Culture
	Seaside 6	Dr. Sharon Porter	From Potential to Impact: A 10-Part Framework for Building Leadership Capacity

Time	Room	Presenter	Title
11:00 - 12:00	Seaside 2	Tracy Hilliard	Developing Leaders at Every Level of the Organization
	Seaside 3	Dr. Ebony-Nicole Kelly	Leading with Intention: Creating Joy, Trust, and Psychological Safety to Support Mental Health
	Seaside 4	Justin Holbrook, Linda Chandler, Melissa Kelly	Bringing All Children Together Through the Unified Champion School Strategy
	Seaside 5	Dr. Matthew Bowerman	The Safest Person in the Room: Why Leadership Begins with the Nervous System
	Seaside 6	Dr. Sedrick Smith	Lift Every Voice and Learn! Leveraging Student Voice to Improve Student Experiences

Time	Room	Presenter	Title
2:30 - 3:30	Seaside 2	Heather Garris & Julia Walsh	What's Good in the Neighborhood? Leveraging Community Assets to Transform Engagement in Community Schools
	Seaside 3	Danna Thomas	Adult Well-being as A Public Imperative: The Core of Whole School Wellness
	Seaside 4	Dr. Renee Singleton	From Vision to Impact: The MAGIC of Transformational School Leadership
	Seaside 5	Dr. Tangie Scales & Diedre Barnett	Game Plan for Success: Coaching and Mentoring in the Field (HUDL)
	Seaside 6	Michael Brown	Building Teams That Rise Through Hard Seasons



Sheri Murphy



Kristen Ratcliff



Wendy Kanter



Dr. Patricia Wells-Frazier



Christy Moore-German



Anna Ory

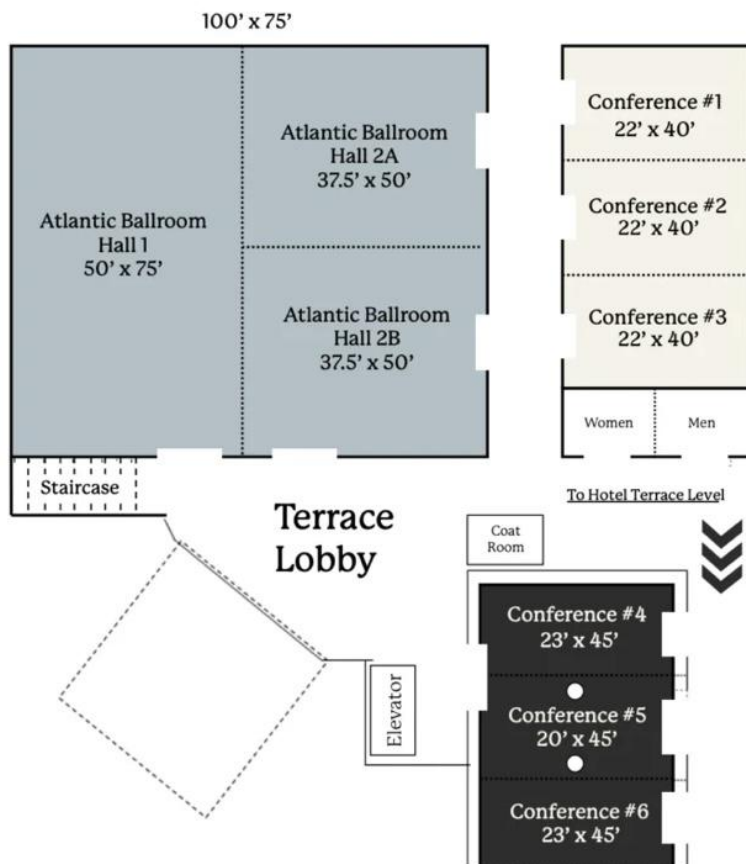


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