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Behind the Scenes

by Erin Toninato, Executive Director, MASE



Here we are heading into winter and I continue to wonder how time goes so quickly! I was thinking about my role as Executive Director and reflecting on how much I didn't know that I didn't know. My learning curve has been high and wow, am I ever growing! As a MASE member, I was engaged and looked for opportunities to help out whenever possible. I chose what interested me and gave it all I could. As your Executive Director, I have the enhanced opportunity to engage with all committees...

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Executive Director Connect

You are invited to join MASE Executive Director, Erin Toninato, for virtual round table events.

This is a new opportunity for MASE members to engage in an open forum discussion in the company of others in similar leadership roles. Participants may choose to share what is happening in their regions, ask questions, or be an active listener. Discussion items will be based on the interests and questions of participants at each meeting. Attendance is entirely optional.

Remaining Sessions for 2022-23:

February 13, 1:30-2:30 | [Zoom Meeting](#)

April 13, 9:30-10:30 | [Zoom Meeting](#)

June 12, 1:30-2:30 | [Zoom Meeting](#)

Thank you Business Partners!

The MASE Business Partnership program strengthens the ties between MASE members and their collaborative partners in the public, private and non-profit sectors. Our goal is to advance the field of special education and improve student outcomes with an emphasis on proven, evidence-based practices...

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LOOK FOR THE LIGHT. The light is always there.

A message from Jamie Nord, MASE President

This school year, I am participating in a series of resiliency sessions through Resource Training & Solutions with my regional superintendent and director colleagues based on Elena Aquilar's book, "Onward: Cultivating Emotional Resilience in Educators"...

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Appointment of Standing Committee Chairs & Liaisons

*by Melissa Hanson, Executive Director,
MAWSECO, MASE President-Elect*

Warmest holiday greetings, MASE members! It's a sincere honor to serve as your President-Elect this year. Through this role I have the privilege of appointing a Chair/Co-chair-Elect to vacant Standing Committee positions and Liaison roles. Appointed Committee Chairs and Liaisons will begin their duties on July 1, 2023 and hold office for a term of two (2) years, serving a maximum of two consecutive terms, unless the Executive Committee determines extenuating circumstances warrant an exception...

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Aspiring Leaders Sessions

There are 2 more virtual panel sessions available to you throughout the school year. You can attend one or all of the sessions. There will be different panel members each time.

You can share [the updated informational flyer](#) with embedded registration links and a *new* promotional video! These sessions will **NOT** be recorded, so please plan to attend the session(s)!

Remaining Session Dates

January 18, 2023

6:30 - 8 pm | [Register for this virtual session](#)

June 15, 2023

12 noon - 1:30 pm | [Register for this virtual session](#)

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Legislative Outlook



by Brad Lundell, MASE Lobbyist

The election is over, and the legislative session is just around the corner. The election results yielded a bit of a surprise as the DFL party captured the majority in the Minnesota State Senate and, as a result, for the first time since 2014, there is one-party control of the Governor's mansion and both houses of the Legislature...

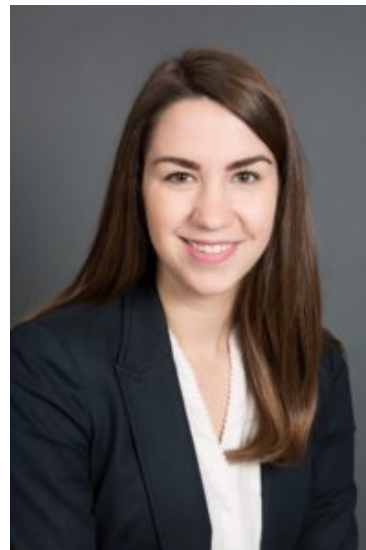
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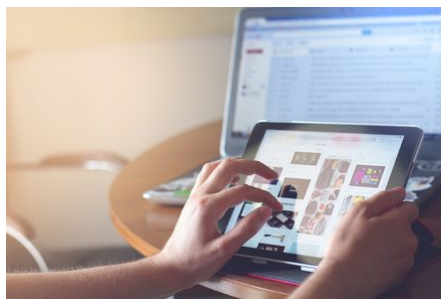
The Child Find Obligation: Ten Things to Keep in Mind

by Elizabeth M. Meske, Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney

School districts have a “child find” obligation under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (“Section 504”). The IDEA “child find” obligation requires schools to identify, locate, and evaluate children suspected of having a disability and needing special education services...



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Communications Committee: Social Media, Website, and More!

The Communications Committee is off to a great start this year. Goals and workgroups are set in three important areas: Social Media, Website, and Streamlining Communications. Be sure to like and follow MASE’s Facebook Page, [MN Administrators for Special Education - MASE](#) and Instagram page [@mase1061](#)! As a MASE member, you can use [this form](#) to submit content for posting on MASE social media. The website group is working on improvements, starting first with checking the accessibility. Important work is also happening to streamline communication to you as members through our newsletters and other means. If you’d like to be a part of the communications committee and help with this fun work, contact [Lori Zimmerman](#)!

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Save the Date!

2023 MASE Week at the Capitol

February 27, 2023 - March 2nd, 2023

Kick-Off Monday | Wrap-Up Thursday

Location: Virtual and/or In-person

All MASE members are welcome to attend!
More information and registration are coming soon!



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