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WELCOME TO NASDSE 2018

Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to NASDSE's 80th Annual Conference and Business Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. The theme for this year's conference is "Aligning Systems of Support to Improve Meaningful Daily Outcomes."

NASDSE's conference is not designed to be a "sit and get" meeting. The underpinning of the conference is the opportunity for state directors, 619 coordinators, data managers, and others to meet with their peers and to inquire in a safe environment: "What are you doing about XX in your State?"

The agenda provides great opportunities to hear new ideas through listening, sharing and engagement with peers and others. The eight keynote sessions and 20 You Pick (breakout) sessions will help you verify your current practices and challenge you to think about new ways to achieve outcomes for your programs. You don't want to miss any of the keynote sessions. Take the time to review all of the choices for You Pick sessions and attend the ones that would be most helpful in your work.

Preconference activities provide specialty groups time to engage. The NASDSE Board of Directors hold their fall meeting all day on Friday. The 7-PAK Consortium and Small States Consortium will meet on Friday at 5:00pm. NASDSE's 619 Coordinators and Data managers Affinity groups meet all day on Saturday and Sunday morning. State directors of special education will participate in their annual business meeting all day Saturday and again on Sunday morning prior to the start of the Annual Conference.

We have a few special events we hope you will join us in attending. On Sunday, October 7th we will be hosting our annual new Directors Reception to introduce new state directors of special education and to recognize the new data managers, 619 coordinators and sponsors. Monday, October 8th is our annual State Night and NASDSE's Installation and Awards Ceremony. This year we decided to combine State Night and NASDSE's Installation and Awards Ceremony. We hope that you will join us for a night of celebration and fun all in one night.

Please join me in thanking this year's planning committee: Jamie Wong is our conference chairperson, Steve Milliken is this year's conference host, and the NASDSE staff. We thank each and every one of them for their hard work in planning the conference. We are also pleased to welcome and thank this year's conference sponsors. Please join me in attending the Sponsor Showcases and engaging with representatives during our time in Omaha.

The time we will spend together in Omaha will provide for both formal and informal discussions, food for thought and a host of networking and sharing opportunities.

The NASDSE Board and staff look forward to engaging with you!



Santina Thibedeau
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TIME	EVENT	ROOM
PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS		
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018		
5:00pm – 6:30pm	7-PAK Consortium	Farnam
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Small States Consortium	Harney
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018		
8:00am – 4:00pm	Registration Desk Open	Foyer
8:00am – 4:00pm	Silent Auction Desk Open	Foyer
9:00am – 4:00pm	NASDSE Annual Business Meeting for State Directors or Designee Only	Capitol 3 & 4
9:00am – 4:00pm	Data Managers Affinity Group Business Meeting	Dodge
9:00am – 4:00pm	619 Coordinators Affinity Group Business Meeting	Douglas
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018		
8:00am – 4:00pm	Registration Desk Open	Foyer
8:00am – 4:00pm	Silent Auction Desk Open	Foyer
8:00am – 9:30am	Data Managers Affinity Group Meeting	Dodge
8:00am – 9:30am	619 Coordinators Affinity Group Meeting	Douglas
8:00am – 9:30am	NASDSE Business Meeting for State Directors	Capitol 3 & 4
CONFERENCE		
10:00am – 10:30am	<p>WELCOME & GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Santina Thibedeau, NASDSE President Jamie Wong, NASDSE President-Elect & Program Chair Steve Milliken, Conference Host</p> <p>WELCOME TO NEBRASKA Dr. Matthew Blomstedt Commissioner of Education</p>	Capitol 1 & 2
10:30am – 11:30am	<p>KEYNOTE SESSION – 1 <i>UNLOCK POTENTIAL: PREVENTION IS KEY FOR PREVENTING SOCIAL EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL ISSUES IN YOUNG CHILDREN</i></p> <p>Lisa Kelly Vance, Professor, School Psychology Program University of Nebraska-Omaha</p> <p>Stacy Kalamaros Skalski, Director Professional Policy and Practice, NASP</p>	Capitol 1 & 2
11:30am – 12:00pm	Visit with Sponsors/Networking Opportunity/Silent Auction	FOYER
12:00pm – 1:15pm	<p>LUNCH & KEYNOTE SESSION – 2</p> <p>Jamie Wong, State Director of Special Education, Louisiana Steve Milliken, State Director of Special Education, Nebraska</p>	Capitol 1 & 2
1:15pm – 1:30pm	Visit with Sponsors/Networking Opportunity/Silent Auction	FOYER

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1:30pm – 1:50pm	FIRST SPONSOR SHOWCASES	
	Leader Services	Capitol 3
	Wilson Learning	Capitol 4
	Frameworkd	Dodge
	Bookshare/Benetech	Douglas
	LRP Publications	Harney
1:50 – 2:05pm	Visit with Sponsors/Networking Opportunity/Silent Auction	Foyer
2:05pm – 3:05pm	YOU PICK SESSIONS – ROUND 1	
	1. Addressing the Needs of Students Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing Across the Continuum of Placements: Leaders – Barbara Raimondo, Executive Director, Conference of Educational Administrators Serving the Deaf (CEASD); Cheryl Johnson, The ADEvantage-Audiology-Deaf Education Consulting Service, and Mary Lane, Educational Consultant, New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education	Capitol 2
	2. Well Prepared and Supported Early Childhood Special Education Workforce: Building the Nation’s Capacity: Leaders – Deb Ziegler, Director, Policy and Advocacy, CEC; Danni McCarthy, Montana 619 Coordinator	Capitol 3
	3. Using Data to Eliminate Opportunity Gaps and Racial Disparities: Leaders – Cortney Reed-Jenkins, Assistant Director, Special Education Team, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	Capitol 4
	4. Understanding Special Education from a Global Perspective: Comparing the United States and Finland: Leaders – Glenna Gallo, Assistant Superintendent, Special Education, Washington Office of Public Instruction; and Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Utah State Board of Education	Dodge
	5. SLD Definition in an MTSS World Leader: Thomas Mayes, Attorney, Iowa Department of Education	Douglas
3:05pm – 3:20pm	Visit the Sponsors/Silent Auction/Network Opportunity	Foyer
3:20pm – 3:50pm	SECOND SPONSOR SHOWCASES	
	Star Autism Support	Capitol 3
	DISTILLIO	Capitol 4
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	Dotcom Therapy	Douglas
	Frontline Education	Harney
3:50pm – 4:05pm	Visit with Sponsors/Networking Opportunity/Silent Auction	Foyer
4:05pm – 5:05pm	YOU PICK SESSIONS – ROUND 2	
	1. Strategic Strategies for Addressing Special Education Teacher Shortages: Leaders – Mary Brownell, CEEDAR Center Director and Professor, University of Florida; and Lynn Holdheide, Director for the Great Teachers and Leaders Center and Co-Director of the CEEDAR Center	Capitol 2
	2. Coordinating Early Childhood Systems to Support Early and Appropriate Identification of Needs: Leader – Sharon Walsh, Technical Assistance Policy Consultant, Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center; and Ruth Gallucci, Rhode Island 619 Coordinator	Capitol 3

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	3. How States and LEAs Benefit when Specialized Support Personnel Coordinate Practices: Leaders – Mariola Rosser and Patrice Linehan, NCSI at NASDSE	Capitol 4
	4. Building Capacity of Principals to Support Improved Outcomes for Students with Disabilities: Leader – Daniel Parker, Assistant Director of Special Education, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	Dodge
	5. Providing Related Services in Virtual Environments: Leader – Kelsey Ortiz, Director of Inclusive Digital Era Collaborative (iDEC), Center for Research on Learning, University of Kansas	Douglas
5:30pm – 7:00pm	Reception to Honor New State Directors	Foyer
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017		
7:00am – 8:00am	BREAKFAST	Foyer
8:00am – 8:15am	OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Santina Thibedeau, NASDSE President Jamie Wong, NASDSE, President-Elect Invitation: NASDSE's 81st Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky Gretta Hylton, Kentucky State Director of Special Education	Capitol 1 & 2
8:15am – 9:30am	KEYNOTE GENERAL SESSION – 3 <i>STRATEGIES FOR CREATING THE CHANGES NEEDED TO KEEP SPECIAL EDUCATION RELEVANT IN THE 21ST CENTURY</i> Don Deshler Williamson Family Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Special Education, University of Kansas Former Director, University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning	Capitol 1 & 2
9:30am – 10:00am	Visit the Exhibitors/Silent Auction/Networking Opportunity	Foyer
10:00 – 10:20am	THIRD SPONSOR SHOWCASES	
	Microscribe Publishing Company	Capitol 3
	RoboKind	Capitol 4
	PCG Education	Dodge
	Microsoft	Douglas
	Boys Town National Research Hospital	Harney
	CEC	Howard
10:20am – 10:35am	Visit the Exhibitors/Silent Auction/Networking Opportunity	Foyer
10:35am – 11:35am	YOU PICK SESSIONS – ROUND 3	
	1. Understanding the Least Restrictive Environment in Early Childhood Settings: Leader – Debbie Cate, Technical Assistance Specialist, Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and Jennifer Giles, Wisconsin 619 Coordinator	Capitol 2
	2. Connecting ESSA and IDEA Reporting to Support Better Outcomes for Students with Disabilities: Leader – Colleen Riley, Director, Early Childhood, Special Education and Title Services Team, Kansas State Department of Education	Capitol 3

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	<p>3. Strategic Strategies for Addressing Special Education Teacher Shortages: Leaders – Mary Brownell, Director, CEEDAR Center and Professor, University of Florida, and Lynn Holdheide Director, Great Teacher and Leaders, Co-Director, CEEDAR Center (SESSION REPEAT)</p>	Capitol 4
	<p>4. Using Para Educators to Support Student Growth: Leaders Amy Rhone, Assistant Director of Special Education, Nebraska Department of Education, and Kami Jessop, Director of Special Services, Westside Community Schools, Omaha, Nebraska</p>	Dodge
	<p>5. Effective Strategies for Sharing Data between State Agencies; Vocational Rehabilitation and Special Education: Leaders – Steve Wooderson, CEO, CSAVR; and Valerie Williams, Director of Government Relations, NASDSE</p>	Douglas
11:35am – 12:00pm	Visit the Exhibitors/Networking Opportunity/Silent Auction Ends at 11:50am	Foyer
12:00 – 1:30pm	<p>LUNCH & KEYNOTE GENERAL SESSION – 4 WASHINGTON UPDATE</p> <p>Valerie Williams, Director NASDSE Government Relations</p>	Capitol 1 & 2
1:30pm – 1:45pm	Visit Sponsors/Networking Opportunity/Pick up Auction Items	Foyer
1:45pm – 3:00pm	<p>KEYNOTE GENERAL SESSION – 5 UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SERVICES WITH Q & A</p> <p>Johnny Collett, OSERS Assistant Secretary United States Department of Education Kimberly Richey, OSERS Deputy Assistant Secretary United States Department of Education</p>	Capitol 1 & 2
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Visit the Sponsors/Networking Opportunity/Pick up Auction Items	Foyer
3:15pm – 4:15pm	<p>YOU PICK SESSIONS – ROUND 4</p> <p>1. Using Data to Create Trauma Informed Schools: Leaders – Kari Oyen, Assistant Professor in School Psychology, University of South Dakota; and Stacy Kalamaros Skalski, Director of Professional Policy and Practice, NASP</p> <p>2. Using the Early Childhood Pyramid Model Strategies for Successful Outcomes: Leaders – Barbara Smith, Research Professor, Morgridge College of Education, University of Denver and Director of the National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations; and Ruth Littlefield, New Hampshire 619 Coordinator</p> <p>3. Building Partnerships with Vocational Rehabilitation to Make Transitions Work – Leaders – Steve Wooderson, CSAVR-CEO; Sarah Lincoln, Policy Analyst, Wisconsin Department of Vocational Rehabilitation; and Courtney Reed Jenkins, Assistant Director, Special Education Team, Wisconsin Department of Public Education</p>	<p>Capitol 2</p> <p>Capitol 3</p> <p>Capitol 4</p>

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	4. Developing High School Diploma Pathways that Prepare Students with Disabilities for Success: Leader - Monica Verra-Tirado, Director, Bureau of Exceptional Student Education and Student Services, Florida Department of Education	Dodge
	5. Leadership Strategies for Effecting Change: Leader – Mary Watson, Consultant for Special Education Leadership, National Center for Systemic Improvement (NCSI); and Michele Rovins, Associate Director, NCSI	Douglas
4:15pm - 4:30pm	LAST CHANCE TO PICK UP SILENT AUCTION ITEMS	Foyer
First buses leave at 5:00pm	NASDSE Installation and Awards Ceremony and Nebraska State Night	Lauritzen Gardens
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017		
7:00am – 8:00am	BREAKFAST	Foyer
8:00am – 8:10am	OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Santina Thibedeau, NASDSE Past-President Jamie Wong, President	Capitol 1 & 2
8:10am – 9:15am	KEYNOTE GENERAL SESSION - 6 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: DON'T LEAVE IT TO CHANCE John Eisenberg, Virginia Assistant Superintendent for Special Education & Student Services Doug Cox, Director, Virginia Aspiring Special Education Leaders Academy	Capitol 1 & 2
9:15am – 9:30am	Visit Sponsors/Networking Opportunity	Foyer
9:30am – 10:30am	KEYNOTE GENERAL SESSION – 7 “HOW TO MANAGE SCHOOL CHOICE TO EFFECTIVELY SERVE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES” Lauren Rhim, Director National Center for Special Education in Charter Schools	Capitol 1 & 2
10:30am – 11:00am	Break/Networking Opportunity/Check out	Foyer
11:00am -12:00pm	LUNCH, SESSION 8 AND CLOSING Comments by Incoming NASDSE Executive Director	Capitol 1 & 2

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