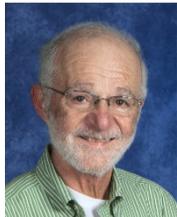




A Leadership Institute for: Principals in their first year, PK-12

First-Year Principals Institute

An Ongoing Cohort of Support and Coaching



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Featuring **AthenaK12 Educational Consulting** Presenters:

Irwin Blumer, EdD
and **Emily Parks, MEd**

Nine Sessions, both In-Person and Online, starting **October 29, 2021**

This institute and consists of two In-Person Sessions and seven Synchronous Online Sessions. Dates below.

Hours for In-Person Sessions:
8:00 to noon

20 PD Hours, Content Area:
Leadership and Administration

Fees: Member \$1195/ Non-Member \$1495

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	Date	Time	Location/Delivery
Session 1	October 29, 2021	8:00 to noon	MSAA Office, Franklin, MA
Sessions 2-8	TBD	7:30 to 9:00am	Synchronous Online
Session 9	TBD	8:00 to noon	MSAA Office, Franklin, MA

New principals often struggle with the numerous and unexpected demands of the job, such as:

- Implementing an entry plan
- Creating a culture based on core values
- Creating trust and collaboration
- Making effective decisions
- Running effective meetings
- Maintaining a healthy life balance
- Effectively navigating the dynamics encountered when in a position of authority
- Creating a solid leadership team

The First-Year Principals Institute provides new principals with the skill development and support needed to be effective and strategic in their new positions. Participants may use this forum to pose questions or present a particular issue from their current work for the purpose of problem-solving and strategizing. These sessions are designed to provide a supportive and confidential environment in which new principals can develop their skills as leaders. The agenda for the monthly sessions will be guided by and tailored to the needs of the participants. Instructors are also available for 1.5 hours each over the course of the program to field individual calls from cohort members.

Participants will benefit from:

- Direct instruction of key leadership skills
- Assistance with launching initial meetings for students, faculty, and parents
- Ongoing support and coaching
- Thought partners to help problem solve
- Guidance at critical junctures throughout the year
- Support in developing effective teams
- Long-term alliances with job-alike peers



Emily Parks, MEd has 20 years of experience in education as a classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal, and central office administrator, and is currently the Superintendent of the Westwood Public Schools. Emily brings to her work a deep understanding of the challenging conversations and work that must occur to help all students be successful. At AthenaK12, Emily consults on school leadership, school culture, program evaluation, supervision and evaluation, classroom management, and the Common Core. She is an instructor in the MSAA Leadership Licensure Program, working with aspiring principals around instructional leadership, and co-leads the AthenaK12 First Year Principals Institute. Additionally, she coaches school leaders and conducts sounding board/problem-solving sessions for school leadership teams. Emily has instructed undergraduate and graduate students in the MIT/Wellesley STEP program and at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is currently an adjunct professor at Boston University working with undergraduates in the teacher preparation program. In addition, she serves on the Board of Directors of MASCD.

Irwin Blumer, EdD has had a rich and robust career as an educational leader. He has been a superintendent of schools in Newton and Concord, a principal, and a guidance counselor. Irwin recently retired as a research professor at the Boston College Graduate School of Education. He is a sought-after consultant who brings insight and practical wisdom to the endeavor of education. Dr. Blumer has been named as Massachusetts superintendent of the year and earned recognition from AASA. He is also the author of a numerous publications, including, "What Kind of Support Do Beginning Principals Need?" (MASCD Quarterly Journal, September '05).

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