



MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION



An In-Person MSAA Professional Development workshop for: Special Education Administrators, Teachers and Staff

Specially Designed Instruction(SDI): What it is and What it is Not



Featuring *Athena Educational Consulting* Presenter:
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Wednesday, December 8, 2021
At the MSAA Office, Franklin, MA

Sign-In/Registration: 8:00 to 8:30am
Workshop: 8:30am to 3:00pm

PD Hours, Content Area:
Special Education

Fees: Member \$215 / Non-Member \$285

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This workshop is intended to provide a forum for professionals to think strategically about what SDI is, where your school community is at in terms of clarity of implementation, and the roles and responsibilities for provision of SDI via the IEP.

Participants will:

- Work with others to construct an understanding of what SDI is and where their School/District is on a continuum of implementation.
- Survey across all the subject areas and grade levels to create an asset map of staff training needs
- Leave the workshop with a personalized list of what a school or District may have in place that is SDI and prioritized list of starting places for action
- Conduct a needs assessment looking for big picture obstacles and opportunities: think through the pressures and obstacles that might be keeping special education in a particular district or school in a "Homework Help" mentality



Abigail C. Hanscom has worked in the field of special education for the past twenty-seven years. For the last ten years, she has worked as the Director of Student Services in the Westwood Public Schools. Her educational interests include instruction/co-teaching, training of aspiring administrators, inclusive practices, collaboration and consultation, and effective communication. Abby is an adjunct faculty member at Lesley University and Stonehill College teaching in the Special Education program at the graduate level. She also [co-hosts a podcast on special education](#) that aims to make special education issues engaging and entertaining.

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