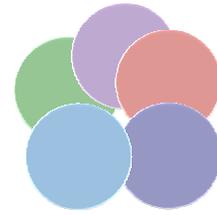


## A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE IN SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING



### ***Social and Emotional Learning in Rhode Island Schools***

Come learn about how 2 elementary schools are embedding Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) into their school practices.

**Tracy LaFreniere**, Rhode Island's 2016 State Teacher of the Year will provide the keynote address. One of the greatest lessons she has learned is that in order for any learning to take place, teachers must attend to the emotional lives of the students first. Building strong relationships is the key to student engagement, retention of learning, and joy in the classroom.

**Edward Ferrario, Principal from Stony Lane Elementary School** in North Kingstown will talk about the work in SEL at his school. In 2013, Stony Lane received the Blue Ribbon School Award, a national recognition for excellence in schools. Ed credits SEL as a key factor in winning this award and being named a high performing school. He explains, "A positive school climate was one of the criteria used to measure their high performing school. Direct instruction in SEL gives students a safe environment to share thoughts and feelings and to support one another with strategies."

**Katie Nerstheimer, Special Educator**, and **Soraya Gomes, Social Worker**, will share the work being done in SEL at the **International Charter School**. This diverse, dual language K-5 elementary school uses several complimentary programs and strategies to create a comprehensive and systematic way to provide explicit instruction in social and emotional skills. These universal strategies are embedded throughout every classroom and are a vital and consistent part of the school day. Teachers describe the SEL component as a proactive, student-centered, community-building approach to classroom management.

To register on line, click [here](#)

Onsite registration is available, but seating is limited.



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**Date:  
Wednesday  
March 23, 2016**

Rhode Island  
College  
**Student Union  
Ballroom**  
4pm—6pm

**Who should  
attend?**

- General and Special Educators
- Social Workers
- Psychologists
- Administrators
- Students

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