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MassCUE News: January 2024

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A Message from the Executive Director

Happy New Year!

Click the image to watch a short video message from Executive Director, Savvy Demers.



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JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p>CUEup January 11th Sponsored By: Ockers</p>	<p>CUEcamp WINTER February 20th + 23rd Sponsored By: Custom Computer Specialists</p>	<p>Corporate Partner Showcase March 12th</p> <p>CUEup March 22nd</p>
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>CUEup April 26th</p>	<p>Spring Conference May 31st Location: Polar Park Worcester, MA</p>	<p>Spring Conference June 1st Location: Polar Park Worcester, MA</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>SUMMER EVENT BREAK</p>	<p>CUEcamp SUMMER Date(s) TBD</p>	<p>CUEup Date TBD</p>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>Fall Conference October 16th- 17th Location: Gillette Stadium Foxborough, MA</p>	<p>CUEup Date TBD</p>	<p>WINTER EVENT BREAK</p>

January CUEup



Kick off the new year with fellow edtech educators at our **MassCUE CUUp** on **Thursday, January 11** from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at **Crue Brew Brewery in Raynham.**

Come enjoy **FREE** drinks and appetizers, network and share ideas in an informal setting. Bring a friend or two from your school or district!

This event is generously sponsored by **MassCUE Corporate Partner Ockers.** To learn more and to let us know you are coming, [visit our website.](#)

Present at the Spring Conference



MassCUE Spring Conference

#MassCUE

May 31-June 1
2024

Be a part of our Spring Conference lineup! We are now accepting proposals from educators interested in presenting at this event, which will be held at Polar Park in Worcester, May 31-June 1, 2024. Consistent with MassCUE's equity campaign: MassCUE4All, the theme for the conference is **Leveling the Playing Field.**

This event will feature keynote presentations, workshops, exhibitors and opportunities for educators to connect with colleagues to learn about the ideas and digital learning tools that are changing the game in education.

Educators can [submit a proposal](#) to present an Ed Talk (traditional session) at the conference, or present as part of the Innovation Fair (interactive spaces).

Need help with your proposal? Professional Learning and Development Coordinator Jen Thomas is holding office hours to answer your questions. [Sign up for Spring Conference support on our website.](#)

For more information about the MassCUE Spring Conference, [visit our website](#).

January Featured Educator



Featured Educator | MassCUE



Katharine Dale

Congratulations to our first Featured Educator of 2024: Katharine Dale!

She's a fifth grade teacher in Northborough who is using robots and other technology to create engaging, hands-on learning experiences for her students.

[Learn more.](#)

Earn Graduate Credits

MassCUE is teaming up with **[Bridgewater State University](#)** to offer graduate credit opportunities for members.

Registration is open now for a course led by MassCUE Professional Learning and Program Coordinator and Instructional Coach Jen Thomas. Learn more and register for **[Topics in](#)**

[Instructional Technology:](#)
[Instructional Coaching.](#)



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Questions? Contact [MassCUE Professional Learning and Program Coordinator Jen Thomas.](#)

Corporate Partner News



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and needs—so you can provide the right instruction at the right time.

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DESE Information Session



MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Elementary
and Secondary Education

DLCS PreK-6 License: Competency Review Information Session

Thursday, January 11, 2023 - Virtual (4:30 pm – 5:30 pm)

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is partnering with the **Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA)**

Massachusetts chapters to host a virtual session on the new Digital Literacy and Computer Science PreK-6 license that is now available through a competency review. Gerald Howard (Licensure Specialist) and Paula Moore (Digital Literacy and Computer Science Content Lead) from DESE will be joining us to share updates and to answer your questions in an informal setting. Join us on January 11 at 4:30 pm!

Please review the [Competency Review information](#) on the DLCS webpage prior to the meeting and bring your questions!

Location: Zoom virtual session

Schedule: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Audience: K-12 Educators and administrators

Presenters:

- Gerald Howard, Licensure Specialist
- Paula Moore, Digital Literacy and Computer Science Content Lead

REGISTER NOW to receive the Zoom link.

Hosts: [CSTA Western Mass](#) and [CSTA Greater Boston](#)

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Influence and Advocacy Committee Update



Influence and Advocacy
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A New Age Verification Proposal

Meta is pushing for rival tech giants such as Google and Apple to play a bigger role in keeping teens off potentially harmful sites, calling for the first time for legislation to require app stores to get parental approval when users age 13 to 15 download apps.

As conversations about kids' online safety continue, Meta, the global tech giant that owns Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp **recently outlined a proposal** calling on the U.S. Congress to create legislation that would put the responsibility for **age verification** on app stores and parents. The company's proposal, **detailed in a blog post**, would require app stores to notify parents

whenever a child, ages 13-15, attempts to download an app. Parents could then decide if they approve of the download.

This debate is likely to be a topic of conversation at a high-profile [January 31 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing](#) on kids' online safety at which Meta's CEO, Mark Zuckerberg, along with the heads of X, Snap, Discord, and TikTok, are all expected to testify.

Want to get involved with the Influence and Advocacy Committee? Email [Colleen Terrill](#) or [Karen Winsper](#) for information on how to share your voice in advocacy.

Special Interest Group (SIG) Update



MassCUE SIGs offer educators opportunities to connect and support one another in an area of interest or region. Joining a SIG is a great way to get to know others in your area and learn together.

Makerspace & STEM: Are you looking for advice on starting a makerspace? Have a great STEM activity you want to share? Join the conversation in the Makerspace & STEM SIG Facebook Group. Request an invitation by emailing [Heidi MacGregor](#).

Inclusive Learning: Virtual event January 18 at 7:00pm on ways to work smarter in the new year with MagicSchool AI. [Learn more and register.](#)

Technology Integration: Virtual meeting on Thursday, January 11 at 1:00pm.

For more information on our active SIGs and how you can join, [visit our website](#).

Have questions or want to start a SIG of your own? [Email SIG Coordinator Sarah Boyle](#).

Educator Resources



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