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MassCUE News: **March 2023**

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A Message from our Executive Director

MassCUE Friends,

We are so excited to see many of you this Friday at our Spring Leadership Conference! If you are yet to register, you can register for this incredible event [here](#). I am thrilled to update you on our ongoing equity campaign. Our February action steps reminded us that progress takes time, and to celebrate each step. While we are not yet fully transitioned to a Google platform, the date is set for our migration, and our staff has done an incredible job making sure we are fully prepared for this step. We are proud of the work we've done, and excited to update our community in April. In terms of our equity audit, we've officially acquired a quote for services, and will be taking next steps. Lastly, our survey is proving time consuming to analyze. We are continuing to analyze the results with the help of our intern, and will be continuing to update our community on our progress.

We know that equity requires action, and as such have planned a year's worth of action steps to ensure we are progressing in our campaign. Our March action steps are as follows:

1. Acquire funding for our equity audit

2. Review our board appointment application process from an equity lens
3. Finish analyzing our survey results, and create action steps

As I look out the window to the falling snow, I am reminded of how grateful I am. Thank you to this community for your continued support, feedback, and excitement. I can't wait to see some of you Friday!

In gratitude,



Savvy Demers
Executive Director



Equity: What's Next?

Friday, March 3, 2023
7:30am-3:30pm
College of the Holy Cross
Worcester

[Register Now](#)

March 1st is the last day to take advantage of Early Bird Pricing!

Please join us for the MassCUE/MASCD Spring Leadership Conference, a full day of presentations, [workshops](#) and opportunities to network with other educators who are working to take a personalized approach to equity in their schools and districts.

Featuring Remarks by



Welcome
Dr. Patrick Tutwiler
MA Secretary of
Education



Morning Keynote
Dr. Kandice Sumner
Co-Founder
Educators for
AntiRacism



Afternoon Keynote
Kristina Ishmael
Deputy Director
Office of Ed Tech

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March Featured Educator: Kevin Murphy

Kevin Murphy models a love of technology and of learning for his students. Learn about how our March MassCUE Featured Educator stays sharp in the face of rapidly changing technology. [Read More](#)



Save the Date!

MassCUE will be hosting our **Corporate Partners Showcase on May 5, 2023** at Gillette Stadium. If you are a decision maker for hardware and/or software purchases in your school or district, this event is for you.

Save the date for this **FREE** event, which will feature remarks by representatives from the [MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \(DESE\) Office of Educational Technology](#) as well as opportunities to meet with and learn from our corporate partners. [Learn more.](#)



The Ockers Company, New England's premiere Audio Visual and Technology provider, is celebrating over 100 years of exceptional service.

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[Info on our Corporate Partner Ockers can be found on our website.](#)



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As a global leader in assessment, reading, and math solutions for pre-K-12 schools and districts, [Renaissance](#) is committed to providing educators with insights and resources to accelerate growth and help all students build a strong foundation for success.

Renaissance solutions reach more than one-third of US schools and approximately 16.7 million students worldwide. Our portfolio includes solutions for assessment (Star Assessments, StarPhonics, and myIGDIs for Preschool); practice (Accelerated Reader, myON, Freckle, and Lalilo); data-driven insights (Schoolzilla); and teacher-facilitated instructional delivery (Nearpod).

[Info on our Corporate Partner Renaissance can be found on our website.](#)



Influence and Advocacy
Committee | MassCUE

The Influence and Advocacy Committee would like to share the following resources:

In the Courts

Are you concerned about the impact of social media on your students' mental health? School districts across the country are taking a stand against social media platforms by bringing their complaints through the courts. Districts in Florida, California and more are attempting to hold social media companies accountable. In January, Seattle Public Schools filed their complaint.

- [Seattle Public Schools statement](#)
- [Northern District of California court update](#)
- [Bay District Schools in Florida](#)
- [Social Media advice from Mclean Hospital](#)

To learn more about the Influence and Advocacy Committee, [visit our website](#).

Email [Heidi MacGregor](#) or [Colleen Terrill](#) for information on how to share your voice in advocacy and get involved with the MassCUE I&A Committee.



SIG Special Interest
Groups (SIGs)
| MassCUE

MassCUE SIGs offer educators opportunities to connect and support one another in an area of interest or region.

Coaching in Schools - Digging in to PD will be the topic for this month's virtual meeting on March 2nd from 1:00-2:00pm.

Makerspace & STEM - Will visit an elementary makerspace in Tewksbury on March 8th from 3:30-4:30pm. This meeting will have a virtual option.

Southeast, Cape & Islands Technology Team (SCITT) - Will hold an in-person meeting in Sandwich on March 24th from 10:00-11:00am.

Technology Integration - Will hold a virtual meeting on March 9th from 1:00-2:00pm.

[Learn more about our SIGs](#)



Did you know that school districts can take advantage of special prices and promotions with our partners through the **Group Buy Program**?

Current offers include special promotions from:

[Gaggle](#)

[GamestormEDU](#)

[JourneyEd](#)

[Lightspeed Technologies](#)

[White Rock Cybersecurity](#)

Learn more about the Group Buy Program [on our website](#).



Receive PDPs and fulfill MA re-certification requirements for **FREE** with your MassCUE Membership using Infobase Learning Cloud.

Infobase Learning Cloud is an online professional learning system designed to meet the needs of today's schools. The resources include short videos as well as self-paced workshops.

All learning can be done on your own time from anywhere, and you receive your certificate upon completion of the Infobase Learning Cloud module. Infobase offers a wide range of training webinars. Be sure to check their library of archived webinars.

Please note new members are added to Infobase the first week of each month. New MassCUE members will receive an email with information on accessing and setting up your account.

[Learn More](#)



Tech & Learning is hosting a Leadership Summit, taking place at The Connors Center on May 5, 2023, and district administrators are invited to apply to attend for no charge. This is a small, invitation-only event for district leaders that includes interactive workshops and panel discussions designed to support school planning during this challenging time. Find more information about this event [here](#) and apply for this free event [here](#). Tech & Learning will also be hosting an "Innovative Leader" award as part of the Summit. All finalists will be invited to the Summit (including a two-night hotel stay) and the winners will be announced at the event. Nominate yourself or a colleague [here](#).



Big Deal Book of Technology Newsletter

MassCUE partners with Big Deal Media to bring you the Big Deal Book of Technology Newsletter, featuring contests, resources, and information designed to bring the power of the web to your classroom.

The Big Deal Book newsletter will give you great ideas for your classroom.

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