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## **A Message from the Executive Director**

Click on the image for a short video message from Executive Director Savvy Demers.



## Still Time to Register!



Don't miss this FREE event at Gillette Stadium for educational technology decision makers. Come attend sessions, meet representatives from leading digital learning companies and network with your peers from across the commonwealth. Includes breakfast, lunch and coffee all day! [Learn more.](#)

## Deadline Extended



# MassCUE Spring Conference

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May 31-June 1  
**2024**

Step up to the plate! [Submit your proposal by Friday, March 8th](#) to present at the MassCUE Spring Conference at Polar Park in Worcester. The smaller scale of the Spring Conference makes it the perfect venue for first time presenters. If you are a new teacher, preservice teacher, paraprofessional or veteran educator, we want to hear from you! Educators can opt to deliver a formal EdTalk or present at an informal table space in the Innovation Fair.

[Visit our website for more information](#) and consider submitting a proposal today.

Need help with your proposal? [Sign up for one-on-one Spring Conference support](#). Professional Learning and Program Coordinator Jen Thomas will answer any questions you may have.

## March Featured Educator



# Featured Educator | MassCUE



**Jim Gorman**

Congratulations to our March Featured Educator, Jim Gorman!

Read all about the ways this science teacher at the Nipmuc Regional High School is creating engaging learning experiences for students and helping them envision themselves in real-world occupations.

[Learn more.](#)

## BCDE -> March Cohort



A new cohort of **BC→DE: Building Capacity through Digital Equity** is set to begin March 15. This customizable professional learning program is designed to empower educators with the skills and knowledge needed to leverage educational technology effectively while promoting equity in the classroom. [Learn more.](#)

## MassCUE Spring Elections



Are you interested in sharing your time and talents with the MassCUE community as a Board Member? This spring, MassCUE Members will elect four (4) at-large members to the MassCUE Board. Nominations are open now through March 25, 2024 at 6:00pm. [Learn more.](#)

## Earn Graduate Credits



Interested in becoming an Instructional Technology Specialist? Earn your certificate or license in this special offer from MassCUE and **Bridgewater State University**. We're teaming up to offer a special MassCUE cohort this summer and a discounted rate for members.

Plan your next career move now. [Learn more.](#)

## Corporate Partner News



**Fortinet's** mission is to secure people, devices, and data everywhere. Their solutions simplify secure connectivity, reduce complexity with Mesh and enable work from anywhere.

[Learn more.](#)



**Proximity Learning** provides live K-12 virtual teaching services strategically curated to keep students engaged and excelling. Their live streamed solutions offer schools quick and easy access to highly trained and certified teachers.

[Learn more](#)

## Group Buys: Discounts for MassCUE Members



MassCUE members are eligible for a discount on products from Lightspeed. Lightspeed Technologies is passionate about improving the listening and learning environment for every child. Learn how your district can save on this and other [Group Buys on our website](#).

## Influence and Advocacy Committee Update



Influence and Advocacy  
Committee | MassCUE

### Changes to the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA)

Future Privacy Forum (FPF) recently shared information on the changes made in the [updated version](#) of the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA), which aim to address concerns surrounding potential impacts on LGBTQ+ youth and online free speech.

You can view their [redline comparison of the two bills](#) with notable changes including clarifications on platform responsibilities for child safety, shifts in enforcement duties to the FTC, and the introduction of safeguards for children's data. These updates mark a significant step forward in online safety regulation, though challenges remain in the legislative process ahead. Visit the [Future Privacy Forum's website](#) to stay updated on [Youth and Education Privacy, U.S. Legislation](#) and more.

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.

**AI in Schools:** Join MassCUE's newest SIG! [Learn more.](#)

**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.](#)

**Technology Integration:** Virtual meeting on Thursday, March 7 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.](#)

## Leadership Summit



Tech & Learning is hosting a Leadership Summit, taking place at The Connors Center on **May 3, 2024**, and district administrators are invited to apply to attend for no charge. This is an intimate, invitation-only event for district leaders that includes interactive workshops and panel discussions designed to support school planning. [Register here](#) and attendees will receive a complimentary two night hotel stay.

Tech & Learning will also be hosting the "Innovative Leader" Awards as part of the Summit. All finalists will be invited to the Summit and the winners will be announced at the event. Nominate yourself or a colleague [here.](#)

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