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## MassCUE News: August 2023

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# A Message from the Executive Director



#### MassCUE Community!

Summer is officially here, and the August heat is a great reminder. As you begin school year prep, we have some exciting opportunities to consider:

- 1. There is still time to sign up for Summer CUECamp
  - a. CUECamp East is in Duxbury THIS FRIDAY Sign up ASAP!
  - b. CUECamp West is in Northampton on August 11 Sign up here
- 2. We also still have our ongoing program, <u>BC→DE: Building Capacity through</u> <u>Digital Equity</u>, a 20 hour personalized and customizable professional learning opportunity for all educators, everywhere.
- 3. The final Webinar Wednesday is this Wednesday!
- 4. It is never too early to start planning to attend the <u>2023 Fall Conference</u>! Registration should open NEXT WEEK!

We hope to see you at any and all of our exciting PD sessions in August and beyond.

Warm regards,

Savvy Demers Executive Director

## It's not too late to register for CUECamp



Join us in person for a one-day training event chock full of interactive workshops, collaborative challenges and resources – all focused on student engagement.

<u>Special sessions</u> will be offered by MassCUE Corporate Partners Custom Computer Specialists, Reach My Teach and Teq, as well as our non-profit partner, Collaborative for Educational Services (CES).

Coffee all day, lunch and ice cream (east) or popsicles (west) provided!

Register below or visit our website to learn more.



## Thank you to our CUECamp Sponsors



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**Volunteers Wanted** 



The MassCUE Fall Conference is set to take place October 18-19, 2023. Our theme this year is **MassCUE4ALL** and many of the sessions and presentations will focus on digital equity.

**Volunteer at the MassCUE Fall Conference** Go behind the scenes at New England's premier educational technology conference by volunteering. Sign up for a shift and you'll receive discounted admission.

**Be a MassCUE Ambassador** We are seeking MassCUE Ambassadors to share the learning and fun of the conference on social media.

Learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Registration opens soon! Learn more on our website

## Join the Strategic Planning Committee

Help MassCUE outline our goals and priorities for the coming year by joining the Strategic Planning Committee. This group will meet montly with some asynchronous work required. Learn more about the <u>Strategic Planning</u> <u>Committee</u> and <u>submit this form</u> to show your interest.

## **MassCUE Grants in Action**



Thanks to a MassCUE Grant, the Usable Math project team has expanded its online math learning resources and outreach to teachers, students and schools. This initiative is the result of a partnership between the University of Massachusetts Amherst College of Education and a teacher from Greenfield. **Learn more.** 

## **MassCUE** is Hiring



Join our growing team! MassCUE is seeking a Director of Operations to help us streamline, improve and continue to grow. **Learn more.** 

## Welcome 2023-24 Corporate Partners!



Welcome to our Corporate Partners who support MassCUE at our Fall Conference and throughout the year. MassCUE is very grateful for the support of these organizations as they help us offer programs and events to educators at a reasonable cost.

#### **Platinum Partners**

<u>Custom Computer Specialists</u> <u>Fortinet</u> <u>Gaggle</u> <u>TechMD</u> <u>Ockers</u> Renaissance

#### Silver Partners

IntraSystems ReachMyTeach Rediker

#### **Non-Profit Partner**

Collaborative for Educational Services (CES)

Learn more about our partners on our website

#### **Gold Partners**

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#### **AVIXA Women's Council Event**

<u>Ockers</u> representatives Kaitlyn Hickey and Nicole Kelly are thrilled to announce their inaugural AVIXA Women's Council event, a networking headshot happy hour. This event will take place on Thursday, August 17th from 4-6pm at Brack's Grille & Tap in Taunton. It's sponsored by Acer, the <u>Ockers Company</u> and TouchView Interactive. <u>Learn more.</u>

## \$200 Million Pilot for Data Security



# News from the Influence and Advocacy Committee

FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel has formally announced a proposal that would create a \$200 million, three-year pilot program to help pay for data and information security services in K–12 schools and libraries.

"With the growing number of sophisticated cyberattacks on schools and especially the rise in malicious ransomware attacks that harm our students, now is the time to take action," Rosenworcel said in a statement released in July. "We're proposing a significant investment of up to \$200 million over three years to harden the cyber defenses and determine the most effective methods to protect our schools and libraries. Our pilot program will work in tandem with federal agency partners that have deep expertise in this area."

The pilot is a start in helping to support schools who have been impacted by a cyber attack manage the financial burden they will sustain. <u>Read more.</u>

Want to get involved with the Influence and Advocacy Committee? Email <u>Colleen Terrill</u> or Karen Winsper for information on how to share your voice in advocacy.

## **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**



Thinking about expanding your horizons this school year? Join a MassCUE Special Interest Group! SIGs offer a network of educators who share information and support one another in an area of interest or region.

Learn more about our SIGs and join us this fall. Questions? Contact SIG Coordinator Sarah Boyle.

## **Educator Resources**



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

This online professional learning system is designed to meet the needs of today's schools with short videos as well as self-paced workshops.

#### Learn more



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