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Great Schools Begin With Great Leaders
This presentation will explain the A-4. The Brain Power School: Mindfulness & SEL Strategies that Work

Presenter: Dave Beal, Founder, Brain Power Wellness
Facilitator: Rosa Johnson
Gibson Suite (2nd Floor, Center Corridor)

This presentation will explain the Brain Power Wellness program, utilized by more than 250 NYC schools. Participants will receive materials regarding the effectiveness of Brain Power Breaks and practice classroom activities that promote focus, mindfulness and emotional wellness, learn management tips and leadership strategies for creating a collaborative school-wide culture, and will receive a signed copy of the book The Brain Power Classroom.

A-5. Making Physical Education Work

Presenter: Jana Moran, Instructional Specialist, Office of School Wellness, NYCDOE
Facilitator: Katiana Louisaint
Beekman Suite (2nd Floor, East Corridor)

Administrators will learn more about physical education requirements and programmatic supports at all grade levels. The new physical education scope, sequences and associated professional learning will be introduced. Adapted physical education, individual coaching support, new MOSLs and other resources will also be discussed.

A-6. Compassion Fatigue: Who Helps the Helpers?

Presenter: Jay Findling, Director of Safety, Security & Emergency Readiness, NYCDOE
Mentor & Consultant
Facilitator: Vladimir Lewis-Thomas
Regent Suite (2nd Floor, East Corridor)

Compassion fatigue is common for caregivers and educators due to repeated exposure to stress and trauma. Learning about the signs and symptoms will enable participants to increase their own awareness and support colleagues who might be suffering in silence. Prevention and intervention strategies will be provided through PowerPoint slides, video review, and personal interactions.

A-7. Strategic School Social-Media-izing

Presenter: Kerry-Ann Hazell, Principal, PS/MS 46M,
Facilitator: Steve Dorcely
Clinton Suite (2nd Floor, Center Corridor)

The audience will learn how to utilize their school's social media presence for the purposes of strategic branding for their schools. Audience members will need their smart device(s) for access to websites, apps, and QR codes.

A-8. Transition & College Access Centers

Citywide Resources and Services for all Stakeholders that Support Students with IEPs

Presenter: Donny Swanson, Borough Instructional Specialist, Transition & College Access Center
Facilitator: Jeffrey Slivko
Madison Suite (2nd Floor, Center Corridor)

The Education Administrators from the Transition & College Access Center (TCAC) will share how they support students with IEPs as they navigate three transitions - education, employment and independent living. This presentation includes an overview of citywide resources and services TCAC can provide to facilitate college access, career readiness, paid work-based learning experiences and positive postsecondary outcomes. CSA members will have an opportunity to request individualized TCAC supports tailored to meet the needs of each learning community.


Presenter: Kristen Pereira, Pearson
Facilitator: Lisa Caldwell Linder
Morgan Suite (2nd Floor, Center Corridor)

Writing plays a fundamental role in the workforce. Writing requirements for college entrance exams and job applications are strenuous. Teaching students to be strong communicators through writing is essential. This session will cover strategies including mentor texts, writing for real world purposes, and reading text sets to help with student writing.

C-1. Safe Schools: A Shared Responsibility

Presenter: Judy Wilson, Geraldine Maione, ELI Mentor & Consultant
Facilitator: Audrey Fuentes
Sutton Center (2nd Floor, East Corridor)

This workshop will dive deep into the role school leaders play in building and maintaining a safe, orderly school environment. We’ll emphasize the importance of relationships with all constituencies and explore do’s and don’ts of safety for all types of students. Participants will understand the need to share the responsibility of a safe school with one’s community.
Keynote Speaker: Linda Cliatt-Wayman

Linda Cliatt-Wayman is a passionate education advocate. Her leadership as a principal in Philadelphia has been featured by TED, ABC World News Tonight, and Nightline. Cliatt-Wayman grew up in Philadelphia, where she experienced firsthand the injustice perpetrated against poor students. She dedicated her career to helping students succeed. Cliatt-Wayman spent 20 years as a special education teacher before becoming principal of FitzSimons HS in 2003. In 2005 she took over The Young Women’s Leadership School at Rhodes HS and went on to become an Assistant Superintendent in Philadelphia. After 32 years in public schools, she “retired” in March 2017 to advocate for justice in education for children in poverty. She founded Currently Trending, a nonprofit that helps students escape poverty by providing direct coaching, resources, and support to graduate high school and lead a life of purpose.

C-2. The Obstacle Is You! Mastering Personal Transformation, Seizing Opportunity, and Thriving Through Executive Coaching
Presenter: Dr. Reginald Landeau Jr., Principal, MS 216Q
Facilitator: Regina Schlossberg
Sutton North (2nd Floor, East Corridor)
This is the third part of a series following ‘Get A Life: Without Losing Your Job’ and ‘The Secret Sauce for Effective School Leadership: Executive Coaching.’ Dr. Landeau will address ways leaders transform by building routines, eliminating bad habits, and focusing on successful outcomes.

C-3. We Bring the Museum Experience To Your Classroom
Presenter: Cheryl McGinnis, Museum Educator, New York Historical Society
Facilitator: Steve Ucko
Sutton South (2nd Floor, East Corridor)
In this workshop, participants will discuss inquiry-based learning and explore how working with artifacts, historic documents, and art allows students to experience history through interaction with the objects. By touching history, students engage with the material on a different level.

C-4. Engaging Young Learners in Diverse Classrooms
Presenter: Aisha Thurman-Cosby, Pre K Instructional Specialist, District 2
Facilitator: Eugenia Ellsworth
Gibson Suite (2nd Floor, Center Corridor)
This workshop provides the opportunity to question, discuss and collaborate on culturally responsive instruction in early childhood. Quality programs value differences, building trust by creating a community in which all feel welcome and included. Learn differentiation strategies that meet the needs of all children and provide opportunities for children to demonstrate their learning in multiple ways.

C-5. Yoga and Mindfulness
Presenter: Janine DalSila, Crisis Intervention, De-escalation Specialist, NYCDOE; William Dugan, Brooklyn South NYCDOE Borough Office
Facilitator: Juanita Johnson
Beekman Suite (2nd Floor, East Corridor)
This presentation will teach skills of mindfulness using breath and movement. Participants will engage in mindfulness breathing exercises, and yoga sequences. This workshop will provide participants strategies and tools for calm, clarity and connection within the workplace and through their workflow to help foster a stronger sense of community.

C-6. Breaking the Conflict Cycle
Presenter: Denise Schira, Director of School Climate, Manhattan Borough Office
Facilitator: Holistine Grant
Regent Suite (2nd Floor, Center Corridor)
Breaking the Conflict Cycle is an interactive audio visual professional learning opportunity with presentation materials that covers key concepts of the Conflict Cycle and de-escalation of students so that adults learn how not to inadvertently escalate incidents into crises because of their untrained reaction. Participants will explore the relationships among the five interacting parts of the Conflict Cycle and come away with strategies for de-escalation and support of students and adults.

C-7. Empowering Teacher Teams to Expand Student Ownership
Presenter: Paul Martuccio, Principal, PS 13
Facilitator: Amote Sias
Clinton Suite (2nd Floor, Center Corridor)
The Public School 13 PLC model embodies the concept of distributive leadership through empowering teachers to drive their own professional learning through quality peer facilitation, peer coaching, and collaborative inquiry focused on evidence-based, learner centered, practices. PS 13 has made significant gains in narrowing the achievement gap with students in high risk settings by cultivating a culture where students take risks, learn from their mistakes and focus on progress. We have also integrated SEL strategies while students are engaged in the learning process, with an aim of cultivating emotionally capable, socially capable learners. Learn how PS 13 cultivates teacher leadership through collaborative inquiry with a laser-like focus on expanding student ownership and agency.

C-8. Proven & Effective Strategies to Eliminate the Achievement Gap in Mathematics
Presenter: Charles Winslow, Senior Manager, Acacletics
Facilitator: Joanne Mejias
Madison Suite (2nd Floor, Center Corridor)
The purpose of this session is to provide instructional leaders with proven strategies that have helped make math fun and engaging for students and teachers. Instructional leaders will walk away with a better understanding on how the implementation of the “Up-Tempo Instructional Model” and other achievement gap-closing strategies can help boost student performance on state assessments.

C-9. Beyond Either/Or: Using Open-Ended Questions to Deepen Advanced Literacy Skills
Presenter: Danielle Martin, Liz Johnson, Great Books Consultant
Facilitator: Michelle Winfield Morgan Suite (2nd Floor, Center Corridor)
Effective open-ended questions are the core of the Shared Inquiry™ process, which deepens teacher practice and engages students in deep thinking which naturally promotes advanced literacy skills. This session will give participants an opportunity to discuss and to learn practical tips for more effective questioning, as well as ways to support students as they incorporate higher-level speaking and writing into their academic routine.

C-10. Imagine Schools NYC Challenge
Presenter: Karin Goldmark, Deputy Chancellor, NYCDOE; Melissa Harris, Daniella Phillips, New York City Department of Education
Facilitator: Sandra Gilteens
Bryant Suite (2nd Floor, Center Corridor)
The Imagine Schools NYC Challenge will create 20 new schools and transform 20 existing schools across NYC into schools of the future. Imagine Schools NYC will be a model for community-driven school innovation within the City’s Equity and Excellence for All agenda. Anyone is eligible to participate and we are looking for students, families, and educators to join to design and develop schools. This initiative will empower students and communities to play an active, central role in creating the future of education. This session will engage principals and provide an overview of the Imagine Schools initiative.

C-11. A Glimpse into the Past
Presenter: Marty Raskin, Historian, Education Memorabilia
Rendezvous Trianon (3rd floor, East Corridor)
This special session for Retiree Chapter Members provides a rare up close glimpse at a wide variety of New York City School artifacts from our city’s past. Marty is a curator and is expert on sharing the stories of our beloved school system that these many items tell.
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