

NJSBA'S VIRTUAL WORKSHOP 2020

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Interactive County School Boards Conversations on the Pandemic

When the Routine Actions are not so Routine

During NJSBA's Virtual Workshop the county school boards associations will be hosting six interactive sessions dealing with issues that all districts and boards of education are confronting during this pandemic. Ray Pinney, NJSBA's Director of Member Engagement and NJSBA's County Activities Coordinators, will moderate the conversations with experts in the field and also encourages the attendees to share their thoughts, experiences, and questions.

- **Sports and the Arts during the Pandemic – Tuesday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m.**
 - Robert Morrison, Director Arts Ed NJ
 - Steven Shohfi, President, NJSIAA

Extracurricular activities, such as athletics, music and the arts are very important to our students and parents. This conversation will focus on the NJSIAA's guidelines for athletics, as well as what districts can do to maintain the arts in education. Both guests are also school board members.

- **Virtual and Hybrid Teaching during the Pandemic – Tuesday, Oct. 20, 3 p.m.**
 - Kimberly Dickstein Hughes, 2019-2020 NJ State Teacher of the Year, Haddonfield School District
 - Jennifer Olawski, 2019-2020, Middlesex County Teacher of the Year, New Brunswick School District
 - Thomas Belasco – 2019-20, Cape May County Teacher of the Year. Lower Cape May Regional SD

This year, classrooms look much different. Some are virtual. Some are hybrid. How are teachers adapting to this challenge? What are the lessons learned? Two teachers from different types of districts, grade levels, and subjects discuss these challenges. ***(We most likely will also have this year's state teacher of the year as well)***

- **School Safety and Security Drills – Wednesday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.**
 - Dr. Thomas Gambino, NJDOE Office of School Preparedness & Emergency Planning
 - Jeff Gale, Director, NJDOE Office of School Preparedness & Emergency Planning

With hybrid schedules and social distancing protocols, how can districts hold security drills? Are drills still required? Are there any changes coming to safety and security drill requirements?

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- **Attending to our Student's and Staff's Social Emotional Well Being – Wednesday, Oct. 21, 3 p.m.**

- Dr. Mathew Murphy, Superintendent, Ramsey School District
- Amy Hassa, MSW

The mental health wellness of our students and staff is of vital importance during this unsettled time. We will discuss why it is so important. In this conversation, we will also hear how one district is trying to allocate as many resources as possible in this area.

- **Assessing Where our Students are Academically – Thursday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.**

- Dr. Robert Zywicki, Superintendent, Mount Olive School District.

The first step in tackling the academic achievement issues of this year is to establish where our students are—academically—at this time. With a long break in in-person instruction as well as the lack of many standardized tests, it is important address this issue. We will hear how one district is accomplishing this task.

- **Effective Board Meetings during the Pandemic – Thursday, October 22, 3 p.m.**

Ray Pinney, NJSBA Director of Member Engagement and County Activities

This will be an interactive discussion on virtual and hybrid school board meetings across the state. What has gone well and what has been difficult? Since the virtual component has been an option for the public, it appears that public participation has increased dramatically. We will discuss the best ways to handle public participation, either virtually or through a hybrid model.