



The Leadership Institute at Cooperative Educational Services



Special Education Director Aspirant Series

March 8 • March 29 • April 18 • All sessions 2-4:30 p.m.

Session 1: Keeping the Child's Needs in the Forefront, *March 8*

The Director of Special Education collaborates with a range of specialists and teachers to help lead our most challenged students to their potential. Seeing the long-term gains of students who put great effort into using the supports can make this a very satisfying career.

Speakers: Dr. Michael Regan, Director of Special Education Services, Cooperative Educational Services; Kathie Gabrielson, Director of Special Services, Ansonia Public Schools; Nicole Reichardt, Director of Special Services, Naugatuck Public Schools

Focused discussion will include:

- Building and leading your team.
- Creating a culture of engagement within schools and the community.
- Breaking down silos between special education and general education.

Session 2: How SPED Directors and Attorneys Work Together, *March 29*

Speakers: Attorney Peter Maher; Robert Mancusi, Executive Director of Special Education and Student Services for Fairfield Public Schools; Dr. Kim Hapken, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services for Ridgefield Public Schools; and Attorney Linda Yoder of Shipman and Goodwin.

Focused discussion will include:

- Learning each other's lingo.
- Mediation and getting everyone on the same page and what to do when you can't.
- How to function as partners in this journey for a child's needs.
- Understanding policy.

Session 3: Do I See This in My Future? *April 18*

Being able to answer this question helps to prepare a candidate for a successful introduction to the application process. We will explore what to expect in an interview and what a search committee hopes to see in a resume.

Speakers: Peggy Bud, Communication Consultant; and John Battista, Superintendent of Monroe Public Schools and former Special Education administrator

Focused discussion will include:

- How do I know if I am a fit?
- How do I frame my letter and resume?
- What questions might be asked in the interview and how do I prepare?

Cost for the series: Leadership Institute Members \$150 and Leadership Institute Non-Members \$200

All sessions will be held at Cooperative Educational Services, 40 Lindeman Drive, Trumbull, CT

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