

A L E R T

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SCHOOL SAFETY: The Principal's Role and Legal Responsibility in Creating a Safe Learning Environment December 14, 2001



There is still time to register for this timely conference for middle level educators dealing with SCHOOL SAFETY. High School Administrators are welcome to attend.

Topics and presenters include:

- ◆ *Guidelines for Dealing With Terrorist Threats and Unseen Emergencies*, Colonel David W. Gavigon, School Anti-Violence Education Enterprises
- ◆ *Bomb Threat Protocol*, Trooper Qualls and Trooper Murray, Massachusetts State Police
- ◆ *Legal Obligation of the Principal in Maintaining a Safe Environment: Do's and don'ts of a building administrator*, Atty. Patrick Schettini, Asst. Superintendent of Schools, Natick
- ◆ *Internet Security and the School Environment*, Louis J. Pacheco Deputy Chief of Police, Raynham and speakers from the Attorney General's Office
- ◆ *Other Topics: Dealing with Hate Crimes, Bully/Harassment Prevention, MSSAA and NASSP Principals' Emergency Response Team (PERT)*

REGISTRATION MATERIALS ARE POSTED ON THE ALERT WEBPAGE

News Flash

**A L E R T
NEWSLETTER
will no longer be mailed!**



Please be sure to visit the **MSSAA website** on the **15th of the month**

to view the newest edition of the ALERT.

The ALERT will no longer be mailed to members ... instead it will be posted to the website on the 15th of each month.

LEGAL ASPECTS OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

On December 7, 2001 Attorney Robert Fraser will present this program which is intended to familiarize school administrators with those legal topics with which they should be familiar. *Please register early!*

MASS. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
HAS PUT A SAMPLE MCAS STUDY GUIDE
FOR THE DECEMBER FOCUSED RETEST IN MATH
ON THE WEB AT:

www.mcasinfo.com

2002 MSSAA ANNUAL SUMMER INSTITUTE



... to be held July 23-26, 2002. The MSSAA Summer Institute Planning Committee is in the process of developing this year's program. Please take a moment to let us know what topics or information would be most helpful to you. Please note: All SeaCrest reservations must be submitted on the form provided on the MSSAA web page. You must make your own reservations with SeaCrest. Conference registration forms and program descriptions will be available later in the year.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: *Your opinions count.* If you have not already done so, please return the Principal's Survey that was distributed at the MSSAA Summer Institute and mailed to member principals in the fall. This will provide important information to the Massachusetts Department of Education as they create policy and programs for principals as a part of the Commonwealth School Leadership Project.

ALL above mentioned forms are posted on the MSSAA web page.



PEER HELPER'S WORKSHOP

On **January 14, 2002**, give us a team plus the advisor, and we will train them to teach a class on alcohol and other drugs at school in grades 4-8. This workshop will empower participants to make healthy, responsible choices, regarding alcohol and other drugs. This conference is designed for maximum interaction between presenters and participants. This interactive workshop includes discussion, presentations, learning experiences, and practice teaching sessions. This workshop will combine a highly skilled discussion session with fellow students. The conference will stress clear expectations and will foster an increased level of comfort for each participant.

Please refer to the Alert home page for registration.
For further information, please contact
Marshall Sawyer at the MSSAA office



CHEERLEADING State Finals November 18

Peer Helper Advisors' and Officers' Conference

This conference, Scheduled for November 30, 2001 is designed to bring together Peer Helper Advisors and one or two of the officers from their school.

Please refer to the Alert home page for registration.



Bomb Threat Protocol

Training Planned for Regional Sites

The State Police Hazardous Devices Unit will be providing training that will help school administrators to establish their own bomb threat response capability. The training is designed to allow school administrators to partner with their local police and fire departments to design a bomb threat protocol for their communities. You may obtain registration forms by contacting MSSAA or your local fire or police department. **MSSAA will be able to provide PDP's for this training on the following dates:**

SESSION #1 ~ 11/13/01 9 am- Noon
Moakley Auditorium, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater

SESSION #2 ~ 11/20/01 9 am - Noon
Danvers HS, 60 Cabot Rd, Danvers

SESSION #3 ~ 12/5/01 9 am - Noon
Assabet Valley Tech HS, Fitchburg Street, Marlborough

SESSION #4 ~ 12/11/01 6 pm - 9 pm
Taonic HS, 96 Valentine Rd, Pittsfield

SESSION #5 ~ 12/18/01 9 am - Noon
Forum Auditorium, Holyoke Comm. College, 303 Homestead Ave., Holyoke

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FURTHER CONTEST GUIDELINES

