



MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION



An MSAA Online Workshop for PreK–12 Teachers, Administrators, Paraprofessionals, Guidance Counselors and School Nurses

The Emotional Impact of Learning Disabilities



Featuring **ADHD Essentials** Presenter:
Brendan Mahan, M.Ed., M.S.

Two Synchronous Online Sessions

Monday, December 7, 2020, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 3:00pm-5:00pm

Workshop Delivery: Live online
Sign In: Please follow directions supplied via email

PD Hours: 5
Content Area: *Special Education*

Fees: Member \$120 /Non-Member \$160

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Often, students with learning disabilities feel anxious and isolated in the mainstream classroom. This can be especially true in the virtual classroom. In this workshop, we will examine how our students' learning challenges affect their social and emotional lives. And how the social distancing and virtual/hybrid classrooms of COVID19 can affect those challenges in both positive and negative ways.

We will discuss the role anxiety plays in the lives of students and families affected learning disabilities, and as well as ways we can help to reduce it though classroom management techniques, creative curriculum/assignment design, careful communication strategies, and effective accommodations.

We will also address ways to strengthen social emotional and executive function skills in our students to help them find greater success, regardless of the type of classroom they are in. Easy to implement, boots-on-the-ground strategies will be shared throughout the workshop.

Brendan Mahan, M.Ed., M.S. is an internationally recognized ADHD/Executive Function expert, and an engaging, sought-after speaker. He is the producer and host of the ADHD Essentials Podcast, and helps schools and families better manage the challenges of ADHD. His approach blends education, collaborative problem-solving, and accountability, with compassion, humor, and a focus on strengths and growth.

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