



NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

- April 10 - NEMESPA meeting in Duluth
- April 16 - CoP for Literacy Leads 9-11 & 1-3
- April 24th 12-3pm- Implementing early warning systems at the secondary level
- April 24th - End of year celebration PD
- April 25-26th - MCTM Spring Conference
- June 25-26 COMPASS Summer Institute



Service Coop update

TARA LINDSTROM



The COMPASS System at the NESC continues to evolve, thanks to your involvement.

We are excited to introduce a range of professional development (PD) opportunities for the 2025-26 school year. Our team will offer sessions designed to help you navigate the process of finding a pathway that aligns with and complements your current work and prioritized needs, while also supporting you through implementation.

Stay tuned for more information!



MnMTSS

Secondary PD- preparing for an Early Warning System

[Sign up HERE](#)



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- **Who:** Secondary principals, counselors, and directors
- **What:** Implementing an early warning system at the secondary level - collaborate with other secondary leaders to prepare and plan for fall of 2025.
- **When:** April 24th, 2025 12:00-3:00pm
- **Where:** Duluth District Office - in person

MnMTSS Regional Support!

Are you interested in joining an MnMTSS regional cohort? [Complete this interest form](#) to help us plan the best way to support you with implementation of MnMTSS. *(complete if you are new to MnMTSS)*

MnMTSS chat!

Do you want to chat about ways we can support implementation of MnMTSS? [Schedule a time to chat HERE](#)

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Cultural Responsive Leadership

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Last month, as my colleague and I were preparing for our Culturally Responsive Instruction PD, we found ourselves returning again and again to some essential resources. For your consideration, here are some of our favorites:

- [The Leadership Academy](#), specifically, their incredible [resources and tools](#).
- New [research on Culturally Responsive Instruction](#) through the Spencer Foundation
- Zaretta Hammond's [Culturally Responsive Teaching and The Brain](#), as well as her recent podcast interview on the [Street Data Podcast](#) and this [article with the National Equity Project](#)
- Dr. Gholdy Muhammad's books [Cultivating Genius](#), and [Unearthing Joy](#).

COMPASS info

The COMPASS Summer Institute is happening again!!



When: June 25th & 26th, 2025

Where: [Hyatt Regency Minneapolis](#):

What: Join educators from across the state to focus on building a system to ensure access for all students to high-quality instruction in literacy and math within safe, welcoming, and engaging environments.

Who: District, Charter School, and Tribal school leaders, program directors and coordinators, school leaders and pre-K through grade 12 educators.

Registration information will be available in late April.

Literacy Update

AMY MAKI & NIKKI OJANEN

Minnesota READ Act Screening Requirements Summary Grades 4-12

In addition to the requirements to conduct universal literacy and dyslexia screening in grades K-3, the Minnesota READ Act ([Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.12, subdivision 2](#)) requires screening for characteristics of dyslexia in grades 4-12.

MDE Approved Dyslexia Screening Tool for Grades 4-12 Beginning School Year 2025-26 ReadBasix: [Capti Assess with ReadBasix](#)

For more information about the review process and the approved screening tool, visit the [READ Act Screening webpage](#).

Equitable Access

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Spring Regional Meetings for All Educators, Indian Home School Liaisons, and Administrators

Meeting Dates: April 15th, April 29th, April 30th

Topics:

- Roles of Indian Home School Liaisons/Cultural Liaisons
- Native Voices for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
- Functional Behavior Assessment and Behavior Intervention Supports
- Specific Learning Disabilities Criteria
- Dream Catcher Project

REGISTER

Registration fee is \$40.00 (breakfast, snacks and lunch included).

Math Update

STEFANIE BIEBL & KRISTEN KILPO

NESC Math Team, hear the call,
Spring is near—it's time for all!
April's end, don't miss the scene,
MCTM in '25 and '26 of Spring!
May 7th will bring a special day,

To unpack the standards—on the way!

Mark June 16 through 18, then the 20th too,

Math learning at NESC just for you!

Then come August, the week of the 4th,

Anchor Standard 5 proves its worth!

So grab your calendars, save these dates,

Great math learning—don't be late!

MDE Launches Public Feedback Portal for Minnesotans Navigating Widespread Federal Education Cuts



Students, parents and teachers are invited to share their stories as President signs Executive Order to dismantle the U.S. Department of Education

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) launched a public [feedback portal at education.mn.gov](#) for parents, students, teachers, and community members to submit detailed accounts of the ways recent Executive Orders and abrupt federal education cuts are impacting schools and children across our state.

Free School Climate Professional Learning & Network Opportunity

In partnership with Northwest Service Cooperative, we will be hosting monthly school climate networking sessions.

These sessions offer leaders an introduction to one topic of school climate a month. They also offer a space for leaders to connect and hear from one another regarding problems of practice related to school climate. Members of the COMPASS School Climate team from your region will be facilitating these sessions.

Who: School and district leaders in the Northwest and Northeast who is a champion of school climate work.

When: 2 sessions to choose from: 9-10am and 3:30-4:30pm

- April 24: End of Year Celebrations/Send Offs
- May 14: Beyond a Newsletter- Ways to Authentically Engage Families

REGISTER



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MAY 1, 2025
Happy Principal Appreciation Day!
 We appreciate your leadership!



[Northeast Service Cooperative website link](#)