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**2017 SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR JUNE**

More than eight hundred educators, experts, and community members will participate in the 2017 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Conference held at Cane Ridge High School on June 29 and 30.

This is the 7<sup>th</sup> annual SEL Conference coordinated by the MNPS SEL Department and the Behavioral Health Alignment Team; a committee facilitated by Alignment Nashville and comprised of leadership from Metro Nashville Public Schools and other community stakeholders invested in the mental, emotional, social, and academic success and wellbeing of Nashville's youth.

Since launching the conference in 2011, the Conference Team has annually aligned resources from more than 100 community partners to provide workshops for educators, promote awareness of SEL and trauma informed practice, and help professionals understand its impact on school climate and academics.

Part of the mission and vision for the SEL Conference is that educators and other professionals working or living in Davidson County are able to attend the conference free of charge.

*"Educators who have attended this conference over the years share that they left inspired and excited to go back to their classrooms better equipped to implement SEL best practices,"* said Kyla Krengel, Director of Social Emotional Learning for MNPS, *"The conference has also afforded the opportunity for schools and community partners to spotlight some of the innovative SEL work already underway here in Nashville."*

The 2017 SEL Conference will feature opportunities to network and connect with local and national organizations, participate in more than 70 expert workshops, and hear keynote speakers Tim Shriver, co-founder and board member of the Collaborative for Academic, Social, & Emotional Learning and Chairman of the Special Olympics, and teacher educator and author Zaretta Hammond, nationally recognized for her work on culturally responsive teaching.

To submit a workshop proposal, learn about exhibition and sponsorship opportunities, or register to attend the 2017 SEL conference, visit [www.selconference.org](http://www.selconference.org).

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## **METRO NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Metro Nashville Public Schools is one of the nation's top 50 largest school districts, preparing 88,000 students to excel in higher education, work and life. With the goal of being the first choice for Nashville's families, Metro Schools is committed to providing a high quality education to every student. The district is earning a national reputation for urban school reform, its commitment to social and emotional learning and rising academic achievement. The governing body for Metro Schools is the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education, a nine-member elected body. For more information, visit [MNPS.org](https://www.mnps.org).

## **ALIGNMENT NASHVILLE**

The purpose of Alignment Nashville is to improve the education and health of our community's youth by providing tools that bring the community together for more effective results than we could each accomplish alone. Alignment Nashville provides an impartial process that brings diverse organizations together to address problems and facilitate solutions for schools and the health of our community's youth. Discover more at [alignmentnashville.org](https://alignmentnashville.org).