

# LEAP Convening: Building Inclusive and Equitable Learning Opportunities

Friday, March 16, 2018  
Best Western Conference Center, Marlborough, MA

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Leading Educational Access Project (LEAP) and the Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative (LPVEC) are pleased to offer all districts the opportunity to attend the LEAP Convening on March 16, 2018. This daylong professional development opportunity will focus on LEAP's commitment to promote educational access and equity to all students, especially the most historically marginalized, including students from poverty, English learners, students of color, and students with disabilities.

During this professional development day, district teams will participate in three workshops with the following focus areas:

- Inclusive Practices – facilitated by Lisa Dieker, PhD, co-author of "Leading the Co-Teaching Dance"
- Culturally Responsive Practices – facilitated by Zaretta Hammond, MA, author of "Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain"
- Mental Health and Behavioral Best Practices – facilitated by Jessica Minahan, MEd, BCBA, co-author of "The Behavior Code"

LEAP Convening Outcomes for District Teams:

- ✓ Gained knowledge of the three workshop focus areas
- ✓ District teams will be expected to develop a prioritized "next steps" plan to assess needs and track and measure progress
- ✓ Access to resources, including LEAP materials posted on the new DESE website, to support district work

## Agenda

8:00-8:30	Sign-in/Registration
8:30-9:00	Welcome and Keynote Address – <i>LPVEC Executive Director, Andy Churchill and DESE Senior Associate Commissioner, Russell Johnston</i>
9:00-9:30	Overview – <i>Presenters Lisa Dieker, PhD, Zaretta Hammond, MA, and Jessica Minahan MEd, BCBA</i>
9:30-9:45	Break
9:45-11:10	Session 1
11:10-11:55	Lunch
11:55-1:20	Session 2
1:20-1:30	Break
1:30-2:55	Session 3
2:55-3:15	Closing Remarks and Certificates of Attendance – DESE Senior Associate Commissioner Russell Johnston and LEAP Coordinator, Susan Fischer