**Rethinking Discipline Professional Learning Network -   
2018-2019 School Year Update**

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) continues to partner with schools and districts across the Commonwealth for the Rethinking Discipline Professional Learning Network (PLN). The PLN tries to help schools and districts reduce the use of long-term suspension and expulsion for all students and decrease disproportionate rates of suspension and expulsion for students with disabilities and/or for students of color.

In March 2019, DESE identified 12 additional entities (including schools, districts, and charter schools) for participation in the PLN. If they were identified for reasons related to state law, DESE notified them that they must submit an annual action plan, and all were encouraged to participate in professional development opportunities through the PLN. The 2019 identifications were based on an analysis of the [student discipline data](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/statereport/ssdr.aspx) districts submitted from school years 2014-2018. Furthermore, the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requires a similar analysis of up to three years of data on disciplinary actions imposed on students with disabilities, and districts identified under that analysis are included in the PLN as well. A [description of the methodology behind those calculations](http://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/discipline/DisciplineCalculations.docx) is available for download on [DESE’s discipline webpage](http://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/discipline/).

With the goal of increasing student engagement and creating safe and supportive learning environments, DESE has partnered with Engaging Schools to create a professional development series aimed at building participants’ capacity to develop restorative approaches to discipline. Download the [professional development calendar](http://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/discipline/DisciplineCalendar.docx) for the 2018-2019 school year professional development series. Visit the [Student Discipline Resources webpage](http://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/discipline/) this summer for information regarding the 2019-2020 school year professional development offerings.

The schools and districts participating in the Rethinking Discipline Professional Learning Network are:

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| **District** | **School (if applicable)** |
| Argosy Collegiate Charter School (Fall River) | Argosy Collegiate Charter School (Fall River) |
| Attleboro | Attleboro (District)\* |
| Boston | Lyon Upper 9-12 |
| Chicopee | Chicopee Academy |
| Chicopee High |
| City on a Hill Charter Public School New Bedford | City on a Hill Charter Public School New Bedford |
| Clinton | Clinton Senior High |
| Everett | Everett High |
| Fall River | Resiliency Preparatory School |
| Morton Middle |
| Fitchburg | Arthur M. Longsjo Middle School |
| Gardner | Gardner (District)\* |
| Greenfield | Greenfield High School\* |
| Holyoke | Holyoke (District)\* |
| KIPP Academy Lynn Charter | KIPP Academy Lynn Charter |
| Lowell | Lowell High |
| The Career Academy\* |
| Lynn | Fecteau-Leary Junior/Senior High School |
| New Heights Charter School of Brockton | New Heights Charter School of Brockton\* |
| North Adams | North Adams (District) |
| Drury High School\* |
| Phoenix Academy Public Charter High School Springfield | Phoenix Academy Public Charter High School Springfield\* |
| Pittsfield | Theodore Herberg Middle\* |
| Plymouth | Plymouth (District) |
| Plymouth North High |
| Plymouth South High |
| Quabbin | Quabbin (District)\* |
| Quaboag Regional | Quaboag Regional High |
| Quincy | Reay E. Sterling Middle |
| Point Webster Middle |
| Roxbury Preparatory Charter | Roxbury Preparatory Charter |
| Sizer School: A North Central Charter Essential | Sizer School: A North Central Charter Essential School (Fitchburg) |
| Springfield | Rise Academy at Van Sickle\* |
| Swansea | Swansea (District) |
| UP Academy Charter School of Dorchester | UP Academy Charter School of Dorchester |
| Veritas Preparatory Charter School | Veritas Preparatory Charter School (Springfield) |
| Wareham | Wareham (District) |
| Wareham Middle |
| Wareham Senior High |
| Webster | Bartlett High School |
| Westfield | Westfield High |
| Weymouth | Maria Weston Chapman Middle School |
| Worcester | Worcester (District)\* |
| Worcester East Middle\* |

\**Schools/districts identified in winter 2019 to join the Rethinking Discipline Professional Learning Network*