

## March PBIS Coach Connection - NRIP

This newsletter is sent to current PBIS coaches. Please pass on to administrators and team members as needed.

### PBIS Quote of the Month

*"Behind every challenging behavior is an unsolved problem, or a lagging skill, or both."*

-Ross Greene

### Social Emotional Learning District Implementation and Guidance

SEL is an evidence based practice to prevent bullying and improve school climate, and the Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act calls for school districts to use evidence-based SEL practices to prevent and reduce bullying and discrimination. [Learn more about SEL](#) and review the [SEL implementation guidance resources](#).

The purpose of the [Social and Emotional Learning Implementation Guidance](#) is to provide schools with guidance and resources to help schools integrate SEL into schoolwide teaching and learning practices, so that students will learn, practice and model essential personal life skills that contribute to academic, vocational, and personal success. Integrating SEL into school helps students learn to: be caring and civil; make healthy decisions; problem-solve effectively; value excellence; be respectful and responsible; be good citizens; and be empathic and ethical individuals.

The [Social and Emotional Learning Assessment Guidance](#) outlines the purpose of SEL assessment as well as the types of SEL assessment such as outcome and process-based assessments. To better understand how district, school, and classroom practices support the social and emotional development of all students, it is important to assess both SEL practices and outcomes.

### The Challenge of School Violence: How Can We Respond to Create Safe and Healthy Schools?

Creating and maintaining a safe and healthy school environment, one where all students are free from violence, is important to everyone. Though extremely rare, mass school shootings like those at Sandy Hook Elementary and Parkland High School heighten and intensify our fears and concerns. We search for the most reliable information available, trying to find ways to make schools safer and more conducive to learning. Read more at [Teach by Design written by pbisapps.org](#)

### Action Plan Example

This on top of it team color coded their TFI action plan to show what needs to get done by the end of the school year. Well done Melrose Elementary!

1.7 Professional Development	1	To Do: Embed PBIS on-going Staff Development Sessions within the District Professional Development In-service Calendar (Spring 2018) Active supervision training	Administration	Spring 2018- Fall 2018
1.8 Classroom Procedures	1	To Do: Classroom Procedures need to be Coordinated with School-Wide Procedures (See Classroom HANS Matrix Expectations). PBIS team facilitates introduction to Matrix and application time embedded. (Spring & Fall 2018)	PBIS Team	Spring 2018- Fall 2018

### PBIS Exemplar School and District Applications Due March 30

If you have been working hard on your PBIS implementation please consider applying for this recognition! Check [pbismn.org](http://pbismn.org) for more information

### Coach Connect Virtual Meetings hosted by Metro Region

Year End Celebrations                      March 26                      3:15-3:45

<https://www.anymeeting.com/825-872-521>

### Collaborators Forum - FREE- Hosted by MN PBS Network

**May 9, 2018 at Minnesota Department of Education**

The Collaborators Forum is an event for people interested in Positive Behavior

Supports across settings and the lifespan in Minnesota.

Our keynote speaker is [Dr. Ashley MacSuga-Gage](#) from the University of Florida and [Florida Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Project](#).

More information will be available soon at [mnpsp.org](http://mnpsp.org)

**Data Tip(s):** SWIS is now paperless! Read more [here](#). If you don't use SWIS, but are thinking about going paperless with your system consider implementing with a small group of people first to ensure all the "bugs" are worked out before introducing it to everyone.

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### Upcoming Events

What	Topic(s)	Date(s)	Time	Where	How to Register
Coach Connect hosted by Metro Region	End of Year Celebrations	March 26	3:15-3:45pm	Virtual Meeting	<a href="https://www.anymeeting.com/312-660-566">https://www.anymeeting.com/312-660-566</a> <b>Or dial in at:</b> 716-273-1030 Pin: 8197519#
MNPBS Collaborators Forum	Event for people interested in Positive Behavior Supports across settings and the lifespan	May 9	All day	MDE	Registration open soon at <a href="http://mnpsp.org">mnpsp.org</a>
MDE Summer Institute	varies	June 13 & 14, 2018		Roseville, MN	TBD
Restorative Practices Int'l Conference		Aug. 9-11, 2018		St. Paul, MN	TBD

### Restorative Practices Trainings

1. The 18th Annual Restorative Practices in Schools Trainings will be held June 18-22, 2018, at Forest Elementary School, Crystal. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) School Safety Technical Assistance Center partners with the Legal Rights Center and Robbinsdale Area Schools to offer the trainings. Trainings offered will include Circle Training, Repair of Harm-Circle or Conferencing, Family Group Conferencing, Foundations of Restorative Practices, and Circles and Equity. More information will be available in January.

2. [Register now](#) for the August 9-12, 2018 “International Conference on Restorative Practices – Restoring Self, Restoring Community, Restoring World.” The conference is being held at Metro State University, St. Paul. Workshop proposals are being accepted until January 15, 2018.

3. Other Trainings: Restorative practices trainings offered by community organizations and school districts follow. (Note: MDE provides this information but is not a sponsor of the trainings.)

- “Restorative Justice/Community Building Circle” is being held Jan. 13, 14 and 15, 2018, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Hanaa Arafat is offering the training through Community Mediation & Restorative Services. Cost is \$250. [Register now and find more information.](#) You may also contact MiaLisa Millares at [763-561-0033](tel:763-561-0033).
- “Beyond Technique: A Mindfulness-based Approach to Restorative Dialogue,” a one -day, eight hour advanced workshop, is being held Friday, February 16, 2018. Mark Umbreit will lead the session at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul. For information and to register, visit the [workshop webpage](#).
- “STAR-Lite Training: Trauma Healing, Learning Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience in a Single Day” is being held Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Saint Paul. This training is sponsored by [MN Peace](#). The training is free but, [register now](#) because the class is limited to 60 registrants.