

BEYOND THE NUMBERS: PEOPLE, PROFESSION, PURPOSE THE LOG CABIN, HOLYOKE, MA

OCTOBER 20, 2026
08:50 AM - 3:00 PM

IN PERSON

Opening remarks from MASBO Executive Director,
Margaret Driscoll

8:50 - 9:00

SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION: NAVIGATING THE ROAD AHEAD

9:00 - 10:00

Tammy Lieber, Northampton Transportation Director and VP of MAPT
Walk away ready to act on the Inspector General's special education transportation findings—and to deploy concrete tactics for procurement, contracting, regionalization, and cost control.

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BEYOND THE TRAY: PROGRAM REVIEW EXPECTATIONS AND BEST FISCAL PRACTICES IN SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

10:15 - 11:15

Robert Leshin, Amanda Chisholm, Mark O'Leary, Mass DESE, School Nutrition Program

Master the program reviews that drive Massachusetts school nutrition compliance—and leave ready to execute best practices across allowable costs, revenue use, procurement, and reporting.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR STANDARDS (DLS) WALKTHROUGHS: FINDINGS, COMPLIANCE TRENDS, AND PROACTIVE DISTRICT STRATEGIES

11:15 - 12:00

Mary Dozois, Dawn Toon, Department of Labor Standards

Tackle the most common violations and recurring compliance issues surfaced in recent DLS K-12 inspections—then put practical fixes and free DLS resources to work preventing worker injury.

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LUNCH

12:00 - 12:45

AUDIT-READY: BEST PRACTICES FOR IDEA GRANT MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE

12:45 - 1:45

Michael McDonald, IDEA Fiscal Specialist and Renee Labrecque Simon, IDEA Fiscal Manager, Mass DESE, Etse Oriakhi, IDEA Fiscal Auditor

Get ready to face federal and state IDEA grant monitoring head-on—master documentation, time and effort reporting, inventory management, procurement thresholds, and internal controls, then attack common findings with proactive strategies that cut audit risk.

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STRENGTHENING STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT COMPLIANCE: AUDIT FINDINGS, BEST PRACTICES, AND PRACTICAL IMPROVEMENTS

1:45 - 2:45

Tony Roselli, CPA, CGMA-Partner, Roselli, Clark & Associates

Zero in on what Student Activity Account audits target—common findings, compliance expectations, and risk areas—then apply practical strategies to strengthen internal controls and align with DESE guidance and audit standards.

