

Professional Development Program

January 14, 2026
Virtual



Networking and News

8:50 Welcome and Announcements
9:55 Break

11:00 Break
12:00 Adjourn
PSP Debrief - Participants Only

Learning

9:00 School Safety and Security Planning for Administrators

Guy Bliesner, School Safety and Security Analyst, Idaho School Safety and Security Program, Office of the State Board of Education

Participants leave with a practical, actionable plan to enhance facility safety in their schools. Participants understand the leadership role administrators play in maintaining facility safety. Participants can evaluate and prioritize facility safety risks and propose action steps.

10:00 Analyze Expense Data with Artificial Intelligence

Aziz Aghayev, CEO, Flowlyst

This one-hour webinar for Massachusetts school business officials will demonstrate how to use AI-powered tools to quickly analyze expense data, spot trends, and uncover potential savings opportunities. We'll walk through practical examples using typical school district reports and show how AI can help you clean data, generate summaries, and create clear explanations you can share with superintendents, principals, and school committees. The focus is on simple, repeatable workflows that save time and increase confidence in your financial decision-making.

11:05 From Plan to Practice: A Journey Through Capital Planning

Jay Byer, Director of Finance and Operations, Mendon-Upton

Maureen Cohen, Superintendent, Mendon-Upton

Kristine Hadfield, School Business Administrator, Norton

Kirsteen Patterson, Director of Finance and Operations, Wayland

This session is designed for Massachusetts school business officials seeking a practical, end-to-end understanding of capital planning in a K-12 environment. Participants will explore how long-term facility needs are identified, prioritized, and translated into actionable capital plans that align with educational goals, fiscal constraints, and state requirements. The session will highlight best practices, common pitfalls, and real-world considerations, including coordination with MSBA processes, community engagement, and sustainable financing strategies. Attendees will leave with clearer strategies to move capital plans from concept to implementation with confidence and transparency.

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