

Conference Edition

PARSS ENEWS



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Dear PARSS Colleagues,

We are expecting a promising new year, and I wanted to write with some brief updates about events and opportunities that lie ahead for you.

First, mark your calendars for the PARSS Conference, set for April 26-28. Registration is open NOW! I urge you to register and reserve your room quickly so you can stay at the hotel where the conference is being held. Rooms are filling up fast!

I imagine attendance at our conference will expand this year as our membership rolls have swelled to 240 school districts, the highest membership tally we've ever had. I'm pleased you are with us and remind you to use the services PARSS provides, such as job postings. If you're on the hunt for new personnel in your district, send us the details and we'll spread the word. Forward all pertinent personnel information to me as an attachment and we'll take it from there.

We are still awaiting the decision regarding the equitable school funding lawsuit. The decision could come at any time, but we are not privy to advance notification. We will prepare information/talking points for your use and deliver them quickly, should the Court rule in our favor. PARSS is also looking forward to collaborating with Governor-Elect Josh Shapiro to increase funding for small and/or rural school districts.

Last item. If you would like me to visit your district to make a presentation to your board or administration, or just “show off” any special facilities, programs or activities, contact me. I love to make house calls.

I wish you all a successful remainder of the school year. Staff here are always on call to consult, advise, and help you achieve your goals. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,
Edward Albert

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARSS MEMBERS!

Juniata County School District	Lakeland School District	Newport School District
		
Northeastern Educational IU 19	Parkway West Career and Technical School	Southern Huntingdon County School District
		
Steeltown-Highspire School District		
		



PARSS Membership has reached 240 school districts, Intermediate Units, and Career/Technical Schools! The highest paid membership in our history!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2023 PARSS CONFERENCE!

The 2023 PARSS Conference is being held April 26-28! We are very excited to be holding this year's conference at the Wyndham Garden Hotel at Mountain View Country Club in State College!

See the information below to complete your registration. Make your hotel reservations soon - rooms are filling up quickly!

We look forward to seeing you in April! If you have any questions about this event, please [contact Dr. Ashley Rednak](#).



OVERALL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 26

Golf Outing: 11:00 a.m.

Pre-Conference Social: Time TBD

Thursday, April 27

Registration: 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Opening Session: 9:15 a.m.

Anniversary Dinner, and Awards: Time TBD

Friday, April 28

Closing Session Ends: 12:00 p.m.



*View the full Conference
Schedule **HERE!***



DON'T MISS OUT!

Play in our Annual Golf Tournament



Wednesday, April 26 - FREE for PARSS Members!



**CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER**

For Reservations -



Use code PARSS23 for a rate of \$135/night + tax
Reserve by 3/25/23 - Block rooms available for April 26-28 only.

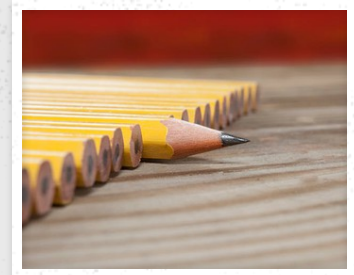
Wyndham Garden Hotel at Mountain View Country Club

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STAYING SHARP THROUGH THE SECOND LEG OF THE JOURNEY

The stretch of weeks and months ahead, often featuring bad weather, budget pressures and sometimes our attitudes can be daunting. We cannot change the weather, sidestep financial pressures or take responsibility for the attitudes of others, but we can take steps to improve our outlook, keep our energy up and position us to take care of ourselves and those who depend on our leadership.



Each of us has favorite activities that give us energy, keep us positive, and help us maintain perspective. The key is to schedule and engage in those activities regularly, regardless of the competing pressures or the temptation to focus on the problems and expectations of work.

We may not be able to get away for extended breaks to fully recharge, but we can often find time to get away for a weekend and commit not to work or spend the entire trip thinking about work. Exposing ourselves to new ideas and different ways of thinking frequently can energize us and open new possibilities. An evening at the movies, reading a favorite book, listening to favorite music or just visiting with someone from outside of education can help us avoid falling into “ruts” with our thinking.

Don't forget to spend quality time with loved ones. Often, they feel the pressure under which we find ourselves, but that are not in a position to do anything about it. Committing to spend time pursuing mutual interests, learn together about a non-work-related topic or just reconnect and enjoy each other's company regularly can make a big difference for us and those we care about.

Finally, remember that problems and pressures are almost always temporary. This month's big deal is likely to be next month's "so what". Few issues and challenges we face will, by themselves, change the course of the organization or our careers. Not every problem is a crisis and not every challenge is a mountain we must climb. The secret to maintaining perspective and sustaining our energy often resides in deciding which battles are worth fighting and which likely will take care of themselves if given time and space.



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