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THE THIRD IN A FOUR-PART SERIES REOPENING NYS SCHOOLS: VISION AND PLANNING

TOPIC: Supporting Student Mental Health and Well-Being

The combined impact of COVID-19, months of school closure, and racial upheaval will demand that we focus like never before on student well-being and mental health when schools reopen, whatever form that may take. Although individual student experiences and feelings around these events will vary widely, all students have been impacted, and all students will need our attention and support. In this panel discussion, we will explore such questions as:

- How can we know what students need socially and emotionally when schools reopen, and how can we plan to provide support for differing needs?
- How can building leaders support teachers and work together to plan a start to the school year that is appropriate and supportive?
- How can we destigmatize mental health support in our schools and create a climate that promotes the well-being of ALL students?
- How can we provide support all along the continuum of student experiences, from COVID-19 related trauma to the impact of racial unrest?
- How can we build an 'all hands on deck' mindset that ensures that everyone from bus drivers to office staff as well as counselors and school psychologists are focused on student well-being?

Featuring:

John Kelly, Ph.D., School Psychologist, Commack Public Schools, Past President National Association of School Psychologists, Recently featured on CNN Town Hall on Education

Amy Molloy, MSW, M.Ed. Project Director, Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.

Karrie LaMacchia, Director of Pupil and Personnel Services, Baldwinsville CSD

Lisa Meade, Principal, Granville Junior-Senior High School and

2015 SAANYS Middle School Principal of the Year

Dr. Cynthia Gallagher, SAANYS Director of Government Relations

Facilitated by Karen Bronson, SAANYS Director of Professional Learning

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