

# Serving Our Members

## OUR GOALS

On behalf of and in collaboration with member districts, our goals are to identify, develop and provide:

Cost-effective quality services and programs for vulnerable children, youth, and families and students with low incidence disabilities, particularly those most at risk of school failure

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Staff development and other training opportunities for educators, including teaching staff, support personnel, administrators, early childhood providers, parents and community

Leadership in building and maintaining the support of local, state and federal legislative bodies, state and federal agencies, national organizations, institutions of higher education, and non-profit agencies and foundations for the work of educational collaboratives in Massachusetts



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Other programs and services that will from time to time meet the assessed needs of school districts, member communities, state agencies, and others

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The Collaborative for Educational Services in Northampton, Massachusetts, is a multi-service, non-profit educational services organization governed by representatives from member school districts. Our mission is to develop and foster educational excellence and opportunity for all learners through collaboration and leadership.

We partner with our member districts and schools to help build district capacity through collaboration to improve instruction, student learning and achievement; develop and share exemplary programs; and identify or create resources that support school districts, state agencies, children, families, and communities.

**Membership Structure:**

Each member district appoints a representative to the Collaborative Board of Directors, who serves as a voting member of the Board on policies, budgets, regulatory compliance and organizational oversight and accountability, and admission of new members. The Board also votes on the appointment, evaluation, and contract approval of the Executive Director.

Member districts pay annual membership dues, based on the number of students in their districts, that support the costs of administering the services delivered.

We are pleased to present you with this overview of the services and programs that we provide to benefit our member districts and schools, and hope that you'll contact us for further information.

Sincerely,

William Diehl, Ed.D.  
Executive Director

**GOAL 1**

Cost-effective quality services and programs for vulnerable children, youth, and families and students with low incidence disabilities, particularly those most at risk of school failure

**01** Tuition and services are offered at member and non-member prices that can be advantageous to member districts and schools. Pricing may differ by up to 20%. Some are grant-funded.

- ▶ High-quality education services for students with special needs, including:
  - HEC Academy middle and high school in Northampton, MA
  - CES Functional Life Skills alternative programs (after school and part time)
  - Occupational Therapy Center (OTC) and Center for Assistive Technology (CCATT) services, evaluations, and training
  - Specialist itinerant services
- ▶ Alternative High School (Mount Tom Academy)

**GOAL 2**

Staff development and other training opportunities that build district talent and skills

**02** Most Professional Development workshops and trainings are provided at member and non-member prices that can be advantageous to member districts and schools. Pricing may differ by up to 15%, unless grant or state-funded.

- ▶ High quality professional development and licensure programs to all educators, including Annual Technology in Education (TIE) Conference, full calendar of both school year and summer professional development workshops covering legal issues, assistive technology, instructional practices, and more
- ▶ Facilitating, hosting and supporting twelve free professional learning communities (PLCs)
- ▶ Grant-funded training programs offered free, such as Assistive Technology Institutes and the Teaching with Primary Sources history workshops
- ▶ Reading Recovery interventionist training
- ▶ Grant-supported early childhood educator and provider training programs, to increase and enhance preschool students' readiness for school
- ▶ Training for state initiatives such as RETELL, WIDA, and the Educator Evaluation System

## GOAL 3

Other programs and services to meet the assessed needs of school districts, member communities, and state agencies

# Services

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Technical assistance/consulting initial guidance is free to members, and more extensive on-site consultation is offered at member and non-member prices that can be advantageous to member districts and schools. Many other services and programs are free, funded externally, or offer member districts and schools special pricing through cooperative purchasing arrangements.

These provide intensive and high quality services using expertise and technology beyond the means of most individual local districts, effectively expanding district capacity and creating greater equity for students in these districts.

#### ▶ Technical Assistance

We have worked to bring together and develop specialized expertise and staffing that can be tapped by members. Areas of expertise include:

- Conducting leadership searches
- English Language Learners: Curriculum and pedagogy (Center for English Language Education—CELE)
- Policy writing and consultation on ELLs (CELE)
- Special Education and Assistive Technology
- Literacy, Math, and Social Studies
- Grant writing and development initiatives
- State initiatives: Requirements, rollout, and funding
- Technology in the classroom: Technology to supplement and accelerate learning
- Educational data use
- Teacher licensure
- Creating community coalitions
- Teacher evaluation and observation
- District-Determined Measures (DDMs) development
- Personalized learning

#### ▶ Service and Program Development and Delivery

- Early childhood programs to help implement state and federal laws and regulations
- After School programs
- Moodle course hosting (Free)
- District MCAS data brief: Online resource, updated annually (Free)
- Patty Walsh-Cassidy Assistive Technology Lending Library (Free)
- Frequently updated sources of information and guidance through social media outlets such as the Educator Evaluation Beacon and the CCATT Center and Early Childhood Facebook pages.(Free)
- In development: Mattie Knight Virtual School platform and course offerings.
- Tech to tech forums
- Discounted web development and hosting services for Drupal and WordPress

#### ▶ Cooperative Purchase Arrangements

- Technology vendor discounts for member districts and schools
- Discounted Google Apps for Education services
- Legal retainer arrangement
- Other arrangements in development

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## GOAL 4

Leadership in building support at local, state and federal levels

- ▶ Partnerships and contracts with local, state, and national agencies to bring exemplary programming to students and educators across the Commonwealth, including the Division of Youth Services (DYS) Education Initiative and Special Education in Institutional Settings (SEIS) Education Initiative. Through this work, these relationships allow CES to build and bring new resources and expertise to our member regions.
- ▶ Participation in the Massachusetts Organization of Educational Collaboratives (MOEC-state) and in the Association for Educational Services Agencies (AESAs-national) to share, support, and bring attention to educational programs, needs and best practices
- ▶ Support for the development of position papers on key areas of concern to educators and districts

# Member Districts

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## FRANKLIN COUNTY

Conway Public Schools  
[www.frontierregionalandunion38.com](http://www.frontierregionalandunion38.com)

Deerfield Public Schools  
[www.frontierregionalandunion38.com](http://www.frontierregionalandunion38.com)

Erving Elementary Schools  
[www.union28.org](http://www.union28.org)

Franklin County Technical School  
[www.fcts.org](http://www.fcts.org)

Frontier Regional School District  
[www.frontierregionalandunion38.com](http://www.frontierregionalandunion38.com)

Gill-Montague Regional School District  
[www.gmrds.org](http://www.gmrds.org)

Greenfield Public Schools  
[gpsk12.org](http://gpsk12.org)

Hawlemont Regional School District  
[mohawkschools.org](http://mohawkschools.org)

Leverett Public Schools  
[www.union28.org](http://www.union28.org)

Mohawk Trail Regional School District  
[mohawkschools.org](http://mohawkschools.org)

New Salem Schools  
[www.union28.org](http://www.union28.org)

Pioneer Valley Regional Schools  
[www.pioneervalley.k12.ma.us/pvrds](http://www.pioneervalley.k12.ma.us/pvrds)

RC Mahar Regional School District  
[www.rcmahar.org](http://www.rcmahar.org)

Rowe Elementary Schools  
[mohawkschools.org](http://mohawkschools.org)

Shutesbury Public Schools  
[www.union28.org](http://www.union28.org)

Sunderland Public Schools  
[www.frontierregionalandunion38.com](http://www.frontierregionalandunion38.com)

Wendell Public Schools  
[www.union28.org](http://www.union28.org)

Whately Public Schools  
[www.frontierregionalandunion38.com](http://www.frontierregionalandunion38.com)

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

Amherst Public Schools  
[www.arps.org](http://www.arps.org)

Amherst-Pelham Regional Schools  
[www.arps.org](http://www.arps.org)

Belchertown Public Schools  
[www.belchertownps.org](http://www.belchertownps.org)

Chesterfield-Goshen Public Schools  
[www.hr-k12.org](http://www.hr-k12.org)

Easthampton Public Schools  
[www.easthampton.k12.ma.us](http://www.easthampton.k12.ma.us)

Granby Public Schools  
[www.granbyschoolsma.org](http://www.granbyschoolsma.org)

Hadley Public Schools  
[www.hadleyschools.org](http://www.hadleyschools.org)

Hampshire Regional Schools  
[www.hr-k12.org](http://www.hr-k12.org)

Hatfield Public Schools  
[www.hatfieldpublicschools.net](http://www.hatfieldpublicschools.net)

Northampton Public Schools  
[www.northampton-k12.us](http://www.northampton-k12.us)

Pelham Public Schools  
[www.arps.org](http://www.arps.org)

Smith Vocational & Agricultural School  
[smith.tec.ma.us](http://smith.tec.ma.us)

South Hadley Public Schools  
[www.southhadleyschools.org](http://www.southhadleyschools.org)

Southampton Public Schools  
[www.hr-k12.org](http://www.hr-k12.org)

Ware Public Schools  
[www.warepublicschools.com](http://www.warepublicschools.com)

Westhampton Public Schools  
[www.hr-k12.org](http://www.hr-k12.org)

Williamsburg Public Schools  
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