

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

MARCH 31, 2022 • 8:30AM - 12:30 PM



DESI NESMITH

CSDE Deputy Commissioner of
Academics & Innovation



KIM KING

Art Teacher, Mansfield Public Schools
2022 CT Teacher of the Year



KEVIN WALSTON

Superintendent
Danbury Public Schools



JOY WRIGHT

Principal, King Philip Middle School
2020 CT Middle School Principal of the Year

SCHEDULE

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- 8:30 AM:** WELCOME – Dr. Rosie O'Brien Vojtek, CAS Assistant Executive Director
- 8:40 AM:** OPENING REMARKS – Desi Nesmith, Deputy Commissioner of Academics and Innovation, CT State Department of Education
- 9:00 AM:** A PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE – Joy Wright, 2020 Middle School Principal of the Year
- 9:20 AM:** PANEL PRESENTATION WITH DISTRICT DEI DIRECTORS – Moderated by Dr. Vojtek
- 10:05 AM:** BREAK
- 10:20 AM:** A TEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE - Kim King, 2022 CT Teacher of The Year
- 10:40 AM:** STUDENT PANEL PRESENTATION - Moderated by Henry Rondon, CAS Assistant Director of Student Activities
- 11:15 PM:** A SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSPECTIVE - Kevin Walston, Danbury Public Schools
- 11:35 PM:** SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT SEGMENT – Moderated by Dr. Bill Silva, CAS Associate Executive Director
- 12:25 PM:** CLOSING REMARKS – Dr. Silva

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DEI DIRECTORS PANEL

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MERIDEN

"Diversity, Equity and Inclusion through Social-Emotional Learning"

Presenters: Joanne Conte, Tami Johnson-McGee, Amy Frederick



ROGERS PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL, DANBURY

"SEL through Adventure-Based Learning"

*Presenters: Kristy Zaleta, Dana Perez, Tom Ferrell, Dana Williams,
Carina Chelso, Dante Curry, Cindy Abbott, Justin Faucher*



FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE HIGH SCHOOL, FAIRFIELD

"Prioritizing DEI at FLHS"

*Presenters: Vanessa Montorsi, Bari Rabine, Colleen Sousa,
Lauren Marchello*

