

Session B 10:05 am – 11:30 am

B1 Digital Literacy/A Cure for Internet Filters - It's time to rethink the classroom strategies and district policies that we use to protect our students from “inappropriate” areas of the Internet. If we teach students what it means to be a good digital citizen, could we make the jump to less Internet filtering and more access to online educational resources?

Target Audience: All K-12 educators

General Focus Area: Safe, Supported

Presenter: Eric Butash, Director of Strategy and Implementation, Highlander Institute

B2 Expanding Access to the Common Core Curriculum for Students with Disabilities - Our goal is to share our district wide initiative of digital literacy to engage all learners. Narragansett special education teachers and speech therapists will highlight strategies and tools that they are using within the classroom to increase student independence, active participation, and demonstration of knowledge. Our focus will include academics and social emotional learning strategies for students pre-k-12. We will highlight the use of digital media within inclusion to enhance learning for all students. The team will showcase how we have used flipgrid, plotagon, snaptype, puppetedu, seesaw, and much more.

Target Audience: Teachers, School Counselors and Support Staff(K-12)

General Focus Area: Supported, Engaged, Challenged

Presenters: Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services, Narragansett; Mary Patty, Speech and Language Pathologist, Narragansett Elementary School; Jane Flood, Speech and Language Pathologist & Karen Festa, Special Education Teacher, Narragansett Elementary School; Caitlyn Majeika, Special Education Teacher, Narragansett Pier School

B3 Positive Behavior - Promoting Social/Emotional Learning - Based on the Lifespan School Solutions/Bradley School model, this session will focus on preventative strategies for promoting positive behavior and targeting social emotional learning in the classroom.

Target Audience: All levels

General Focus Area: Healthy, Safe, Supported

Presenters: Caley Arzamarski, Ph. D. ; Corrine Mahoney. Ph. D., Bradley Hospital

B4 Growth Mindset, Self-efficacy: Implicit theory of Intelligence, Goal Orientation and the Ninth Grade

Experience - The goal of the workshop is to understand how developing students with a growth mindset, strong self-efficacy, and ability to set self-improvement and mastery goals will increase student motivation and the ability to persevere through the increasing challenges of high school. Schools and districts struggling with high 9th grade failure and retention rates will begin to understand the effect of educators' and parents' actions and interactions on students' motivation and how they contribute to the problems associated with 9th grade transition. Participants will discover their own personal views of intelligence and be provided with resources to begin developing programs, policies, and procedures that will cultivate learning communities that foster a growth mindset.

Target Audience: Teacher (K – Higher Ed). Central Admin., Counselors

General Focus Area: Safe, Supported

Presenter: Dr. Claire McWilliams, Special Education and Art Teacher, North Smithfield High School

B5 Get Engaged with the Next Generation Science

Standards –As the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are being implemented in RI, teachers, administrators, and families need to understand the shifts that NGSS requires. NGSS requires students to learn in 3 dimensions; Disciplinary Core Ideas, Cross Cutting Concepts, and Science & Engineering Practices. Presentation will outline these dimensions and discuss why the NGSS were developed, who developed them, and what they look like when implemented. Also, connections to the CCSS will be highlighted and discussion of how science topics can link all subjects. Informational and lesson resources will also be provided.

Target Audience: All levels

General Focus Area: Engaged, Challenged

Presenters: Carolyn Higgins M Ed, NBCT, 7th grade teacher; Pres. RI Science Teachers Association; RI Strategic Leadership Team for NGSS Implementation