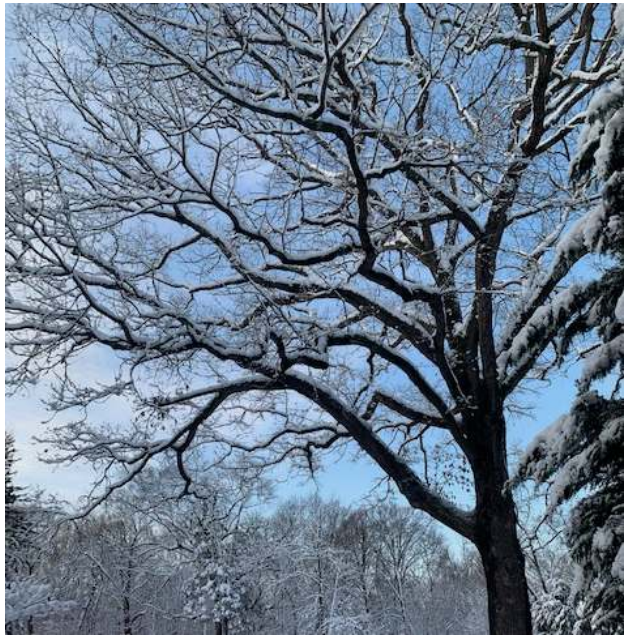
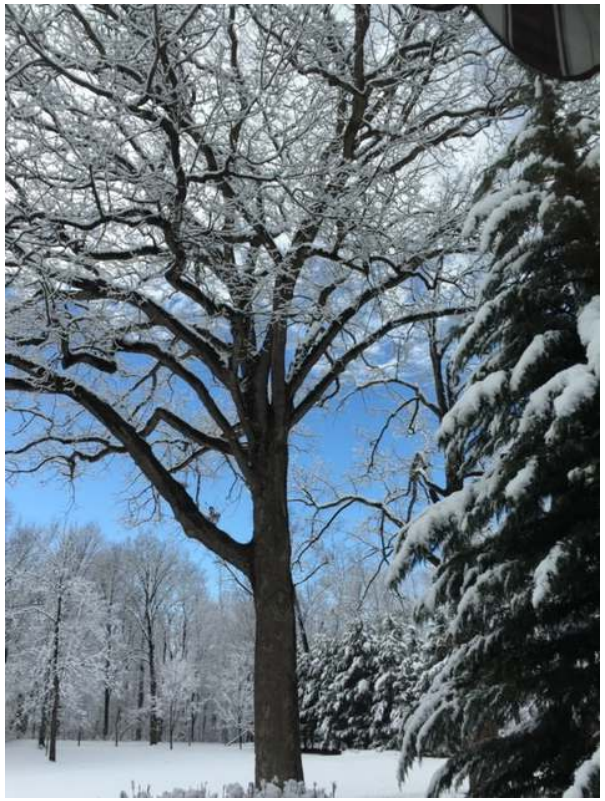
SEL4NJ Meeting
PSA/FSA
December 17, 2019



AGENDA

- Welcome/ Introductions
- National Updates
- State Updates
- State DOE Updates
- SEL4NJ Updates
- Discussion of key administrative issues
  - Membership vs. supporter vs. endorser
  - Individual vs. organizational membership
  - Funding model .. dues, sponsorship, grants



SEL4NJ ~ SEL4US

SEL4NJ is an affiliate of SEL4US, a national network of state alliances promoting awareness of the importance of social-emotional learning and related approaches (SEL) to be systematically and intentionally integrated in schools and other organizations, as well as fostering implementation support for those efforts.

Current States:

- Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin

SEL4US

SEL4US- States

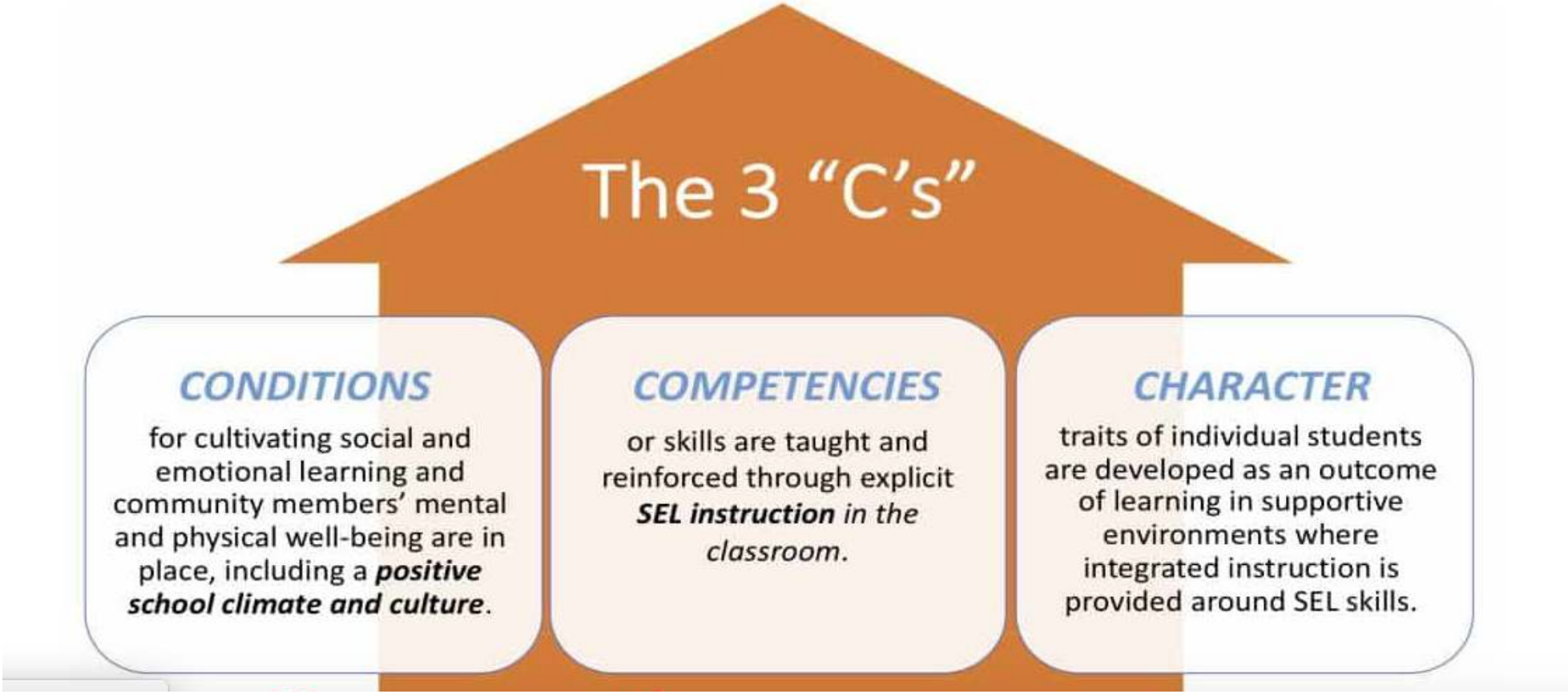
SEL Broadly Defined

SEL4NJ defines "SEL" as an umbrella term that includes systematic efforts to promote any or all of the following areas:

- social and emotional development
- character education
- mental and physical health
- bullying prevention
- positive youth development
- substance use prevention
- moral and performance values
- caring schools and communities
- positive school climate and culture
- whole child/whole school approaches
- educational equity
- an appropriately challenging academic experience

SEL Broadly Defined

The Three "C's" of SEL: Conditions, Competencies, Character



SEL4NJ Vision

The vision of **SEL4NJ** is that *all students* in New Jersey have access to schools that provide a culture and climate that is respectful, caring, challenging, engaging, inspiring, safe and healthy.

These schools are civic-minded and culturally responsive, promote educational equity and help students and adults build social-emotional competencies and develop positive relationships connecting them to the school, their community, and each other.

SEL4NJ Mission

The mission of **SEL4NJ** is to continuously build a network of organizations and individuals in New Jersey that are committed to the importance of developing students' social and emotional competencies, and through this collaboration, promote a systematic and intentional integration of SEL, as broadly defined, in schools and other organizations, including before and after school programming.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF SEL4NJ

- Build ***statewide awareness*** for SEL and related approaches.
- Provide support for ***state and local SEL-related policies*** and funding.
- ***Connect*** local ***SEL stakeholders*** to learn about and share research and best practices
- Provide resources and ***implementation support*** to schools and other institutions.

STRATEGIES

- **Convening** – Hosting regular meetings of member organizations, serving as a clearinghouse for SEL-related events held throughout the state and region, and providing learning opportunities on topics of mutual interest (Healthy Students, Healthy Schools, for example).
- **Shared SEL resources** – Serve as a vehicle to connect schools with other state and local organizations that could provide resources to support SEL and related efforts.
- **Shared capacity-building resources** – **SEL4NJ** will develop corporate, non-profit and other sources of support for SEL and determine how our members can support the efforts of SEL4NJ in supporting schools.
- **Technical assistance** – Utilize the resources of the member organizations and the volunteer workforce to provide technical assistance to schools through consultation and other methods.

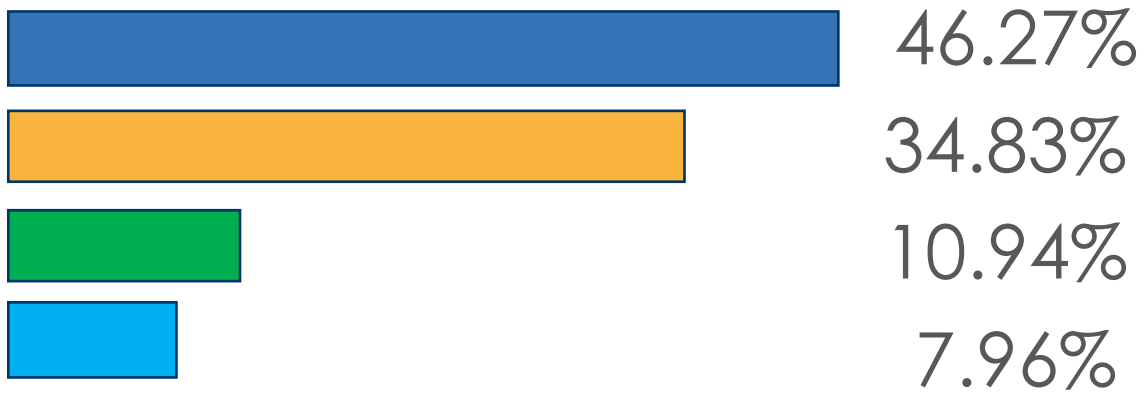
A busy 11 months!

- First exploratory meeting summer 2018
- NJSHACC transition meeting held early autumn 2018
- Meetings in November (*SEL4NJ/NJSHACC*) and February (*SEL4NJ*)
  - White Paper laying out vision, mission and structure completed
- Web-site launched January 2019
  - SEL4NJ.org
- Action Network implemented January 2019
  - During 'soft launch' over 270 supporters joined now have ***474 supporters***!
- Landscape Analysis project launched February 2019
- Funding from NY Jets secured for 2 projects
- 501(c)3 status applied for

National Updates – Maurice Elias

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK: ASCD SMARTBRIEF READER POLLS

Which is the most urgent issue facing education today?



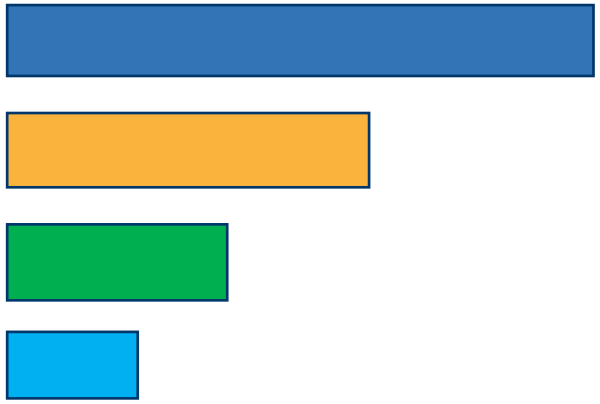
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK: ASCD SMARTBRIEF READER POLLS

Which is the biggest challenge you face with your students?

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK: ASCD SMARTBRIEF READER POLLS

Which is the biggest benefit of attending an education conference?

1) Learning about new practices — 42.46%
2) Getting fresh ideas for my classroom — 29.37%
3) Networking with peers — 18.65%
4) Renewing morale — 9.52%



SEL4NJ Social Emotional Learning Alliance for New Jersey

#SELday

SEL DAY

https://selday.org

#SELday

- International SEL Day (*month*)
- March 27, 2020
- Join the movement to support social emotional learning
- Join the organizing team – details to follow later this afternoon!

Policy Update

Policy Update – Stu Green

State Update – Mark Biedron and Trish Heindel

NY JETS

Project 1

NY Jets Professional Development in Social-Emotional Learning and Character Development Scholarship Fund

Project 2

Preparing Teachers and School Leaders of the Future

NJ DOE Update – Kelly Williams and Kelly Allen

SEL4NJ Updates

Priorities for early 2020

- January Strategy Meeting
  - Set priorities and strategic direction
  - Landscape Analysis Work Group leaders attend
- 501c3 status
- Infra-structure and capacity building
- Funding
- SEL4DAY and Urban Schools event
- NY Jets' Funded Projects

Volunteer Teams

Please join a ***volunteer team!***

- ***Coordination and Communication*** Team
- ***Media and Marketing*** (marketing collateral, web, action network, social media)
- ***Event Planning*** (SEL Day, SEL and Urban District / Committee for Children event etc..)
- ***Jets PD Scholarship Fund*** team

Sign-up sheet at each table!!

SEL4NJ Updates

- Landscape Analysis Work Groups
  - Strategic Planning early 2020

- Social Media Update
  - Social Jukebox
  - Twitter and Facebook

Important Matters

Discussion of key administrative issues

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SEL4NJ Important Matters

- ***Supporter*** – joins / no dues / no obligations
  - Willing to be publicly listed?
  - Individual vs. work affiliation ?
- ***Partner Organization*** - contributes funding for day to day operations
  - Levels of support?
  - Willing to be publicly listed?
- ***Sponsor*** – supports events

Funding

Ideas…..

- Partner Organizations
- Sponsors
- Grants
- Other ideas????

Next Meetings

- Strategy Meeting – January 23rd

- Future Meetings
  - Now supporter list is so large does it make sense to have large meetings?
  - Three + categories are appearing:
    - Associations/Organizations/ State Departments
    - SEL (broadly defined) supporters
    - Schools
    - Other

Until next time…

Have a wonderful holiday break and happy ***everything***!!