

**School Culture &
Climate Initiative**

School Support Network

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Supporting, Connecting and Empowering Schools

Introductions

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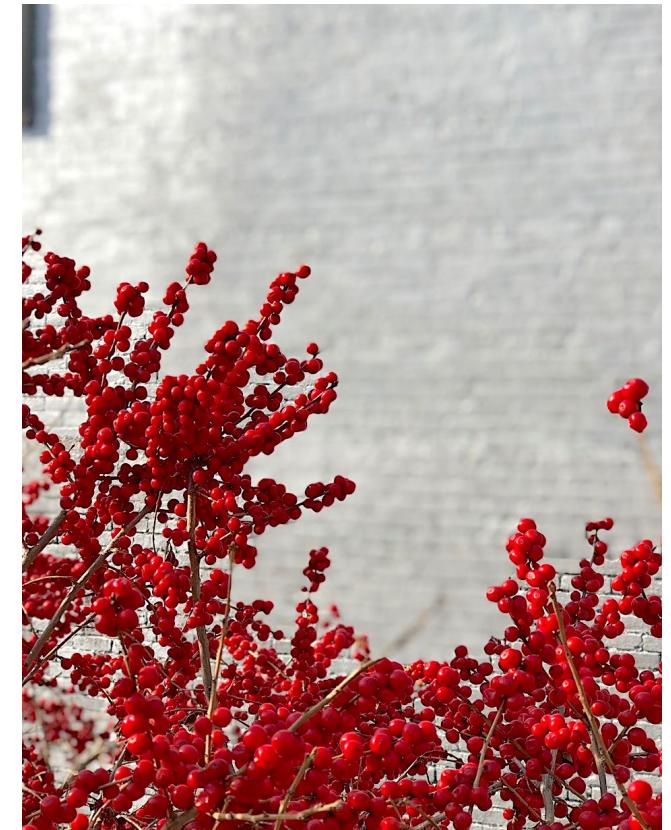
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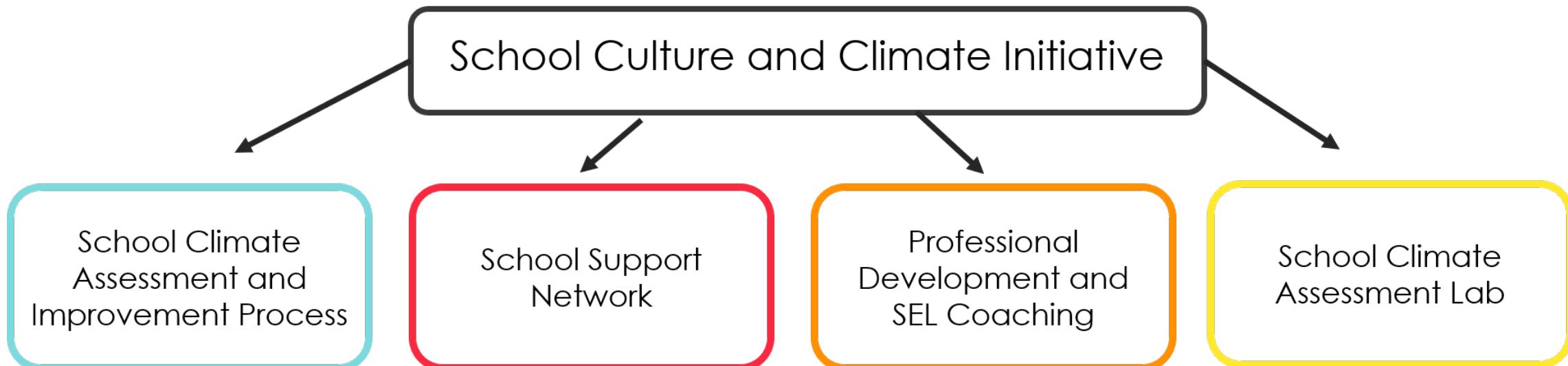
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School Culture and Climate Initiative

Based at the Center for Human and Social Development
at Saint Elizabeth University, Morristown, NJ



School Support Network (SSN)

The Idea...

- **Connection**
- Shared Professional Development – topic focused
- Spotlight Schools

The Details...

- Established in northern NJ 13 years ago
- Originally in-person now virtual with no geographic boundaries
- Over 12,000 professional development hours delivered and have connected thousands of educators

The SSN is a project of the School Culture and Climate Initiative

Coffee Chats and other PLC's

- **School Support Network (like today)**
 - 90 minutes – monthly Professional Development
 - Topic-focused
- **SCAIP PLC**
 - Process-focused
 - For schools who have just started, are in-the-midst of, or have completed the 3-year SCAIP process

- **Coffee Chat**
 - 60 minutes – monthly
 - Connection – sharing successes, challenges, support, and advice
- **Job-Alike Coffee Chats**
 - 60 minutes – monthly
 - School Counselor
 - Administrator
 - ESL Educators – **NEW**

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Workshop:

“Using SEL to See and Connect Beyond Disruptive Behaviors”

Presented by: *Patrick Fennell*, Consultant, School Culture and Climate Initiative; Founder/President of Empowerment Solutions, LLC; Adjunct Professor, Academy for SEL in Schools, Rutgers University

- SECD Lab – opportunity for input into a new APP!
- SEL Day 2024!!!
- Resources available from the School Culture and Climate Initiative
- Dates for your calendar
- Evaluation

If you would like, feel free to share them in the chat!



Introductions



Please take a
minute to
complete the poll.

Thank you!



Rutgers SECD Lab

Opportunity for In-put into a new SEL APP!

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2024 PSEG Grants Cycle

- The PSEG Foundation is contributing \$100,000 to support the Sustainable Jersey Grants Program for public schools and school districts. Funding supports efforts to implement projects that help schools and school districts gain points needed for Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification and make progress toward a sustainable future. For more information, click [here](#).
- **Application Deadline: Friday, March 8, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.**





SEL4NJ.org

Please join!!



SEL Day 2024: Today's Students, Tomorrow's Leaders

March 8, 2024

Sign Up: <https://selday.org/sign-up/?source=sel4nj>

#SELday

SEL Day Last Year Around the World

- Over **10 million views from over 5,000 mentions and 40,000 interactions** with #SELday across social media
- #SELday trended on Twitter for several hours
- **Nine #SELday state proclamations**
- A letter recognizing #SELday from **President Joe Biden and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden**
- A **bipartisan resolution for National SEL Week** introduced in the U.S. Senate
- Over #SELday **4,100 participants representing 88 countries and all 50 U.S. states**
- More than **2,500** schools, districts, and youth-serving organizations represented
- Participants committed to **over 11,000 actions** to showcase, promote, advocate, and support #SELday

SEL Day Last Year in New Jersey

- **22.5% Increase** - in the **number of NJ schools** participating in SEL Day (we suspect the number is even larger) compared to last year
- **23% of the global total** - the 577 NJ schools represented 23% of the global total of schools participating in SEL day! **Wow!**
- **#1 and 3 in the top 15** - NJ had 3 schools in the top 15 of Badge winners including the #1 spot - congratulations Colts Neck (#1), Butler, and Cranford!
- **Top 5** - NJ was in the top five of the most influential twitter profiles alongside CASEL, SEL4US, and the Urban Assembly - the highest of all the SEL4 state affiliates!
- The **first ever SEL4NJ SEL Day Summit!** All the PowerPoints and recordings from the day
- **Proclamations and Resolutions** from the **Governor** and the **State Board of Education** and municipalities

What You Need To Do

- Celebrate and share the great SEL work you are doing
- Create an artifact
- Share it on SEL Day (any and/or all social media platforms)
- Tag #SEL4NJ and #SELDAY
- Send the artifact to info@sel4nj.org
- Sign up today: <https://selday.org/sign-up/?source=sel4nj>

Dates and Support

- Weekly SEL Day Inspiration Newsletter will start in January
- On February 22nd SEL Day organizers are hosting a brainstorming session for schools – share what you are doing and/or get inspiration from others!
 - February 22 from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ET
 - Register for the brainstorming session on February 22nd
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkdeCvrDIqHNVh1WwPQaEqQvIScPxf4o31#/registration>
- SEL4NJ SEL Week Summit / Learning Sessions – stay tuned!

#SELday

Upcoming Dates

Administrator Network Coffee Chat

- February 28 24 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

** NEW -- English as a Second Language (ESL) Educators Coffee Chat

- March 6 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

School Counselor Network Coffee Chat

- March 13 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Next School Support Network Meeting

- March 20 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 - "All Students Need to Matter: How to Foster Their Mattering and Positive Purpose"
 - Presented by: Maurice Elias

SCAIP Professional Learning Community (PLC)

- **For schools that are just beginning, are currently participating, or have completed the 3-year School Climate Assessment and Improvement Process (SCAIP)**
- March 21 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

What SCCI Can Offer

- **Data:**
 - School Climate Assessment (students, staff, parents) with data analysis and in-person detailed data review
 - Other assessment tools available including Equity, Social Inclusion, and Bullying Prevention
 - Student and staff surveys disaggregated by key sub-groups
- **SEL:**
 - SEL teacher coaching (all levels) and professional development in all areas of SEL
- **School Climate:**
 - Three-year all-inclusive, consultant supported, School Climate Assessment and Improvement Process with baseline and follow-up climate surveys for all in the school community
- **Professional Learning Communities (PLCs):**
 - Staff well-being PLCs/Parent PLCs
 - PLCs available that bring schools together around similar jobs (school counselor/administrator) as well as shared professional development (School Support Network)
- **Professional Development:**
 - Trauma-informed approaches, cultural competencies, equity, team building, SEL, and many more areas – designed specifically for your school/district

Optimistic Close

(Emotions are contagious)



Please share in the
chat something
you are looking
forward to...



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Evaluation – QR Code



Please take a minute to complete the meeting evaluation to help us plan for future SSN meetings, coffee chats, and professional development opportunities.

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School Culture and Climate Initiative - How We Partner with Schools

The School Culture and Climate Initiative:

- Based at the Center for Human and Social Development at Saint Elizabeth University in Morristown
- Working with schools for the last ten years in the realm of school climate improvement and SEL implementation
- Nationally recognized and award-winning programs and resources
- Also housed at the Center is the Academy for Social-emotional Learning in Schools

How We Partner with Schools

- **Professional development** on topics such as trauma-sensitive classrooms, equity and cultural competence, social and emotional learning, adult self-care and more.
- Partnership and guidance through our **school climate assessment and improvement process (SCAIP)**.
- **SEL coaching** to support teacher implementation of practices that meet the needs of the whole child.
- **Assessment tools** including the Equity and Inclusion Survey, Staff, Students and Parent Emotional Well-Being Survey, and the School Culture and Climate Assessment Survey.
- **Connection and collaboration** with other local educators who can support your efforts and share ideas, solutions and strategies.

Customized co-created support for 2023-24 academic year