



**School Culture &  
Climate Initiative**

# School Support Network

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**Supporting, Connecting and Empowering Schools**

# Welcome!

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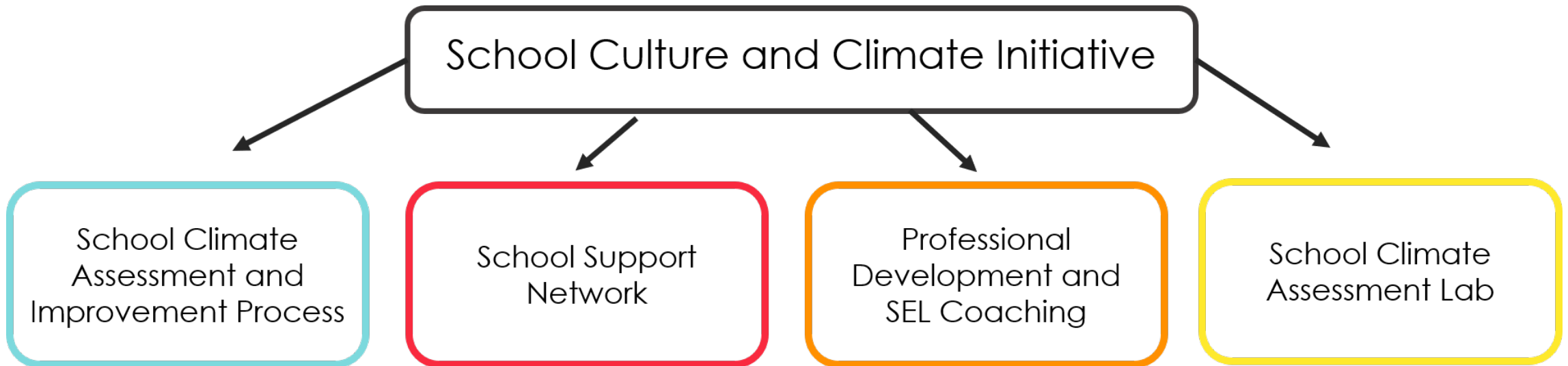
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# School Culture and Climate Initiative

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



# School Support Network (SSN)

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## The Idea...

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

## The Details...

- Established in northern NJ 11 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***

# Professional Learning Communities and Professional Learning Networks

## **School Support Network**

- Occasionally in-person (like today!)
- 90 minutes – monthly Professional Development. Virtual

## **Coffee Chat - Virtual**

- 60 minutes – monthly
- Connection – sharing successes, challenges, support and advice

## **Job-Alike Coffee Chats- Virtual**

- School Counselor
- Administrator

## **School Climate Assessment and Improvement Process (SCAIP) PLC**

- For schools who are beginning, in the midst or have completed a 3-year school climate improvement process
- Process-oriented

## **Educator Well-Being**

- “Building Within: Cultivating Well-being and Emotional Resilience in Educators” Workshop Series

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Workshop:  
"Connecting the Dots: Collaborating to Manage Anxiety (Mental Health) in School Communities"  
*Presented by: Leah Sackmary-Dodd, M.A., LDTC; Corie Stone, M.Ed., Director of Curriculum and Instruction; and Kelly Amaniera ATR-BC, LPC, NCC of Sage Alliance*
- SEL4NJ
- Dates for Your Calendar
- Evaluation



# Introductions



Introduce yourself (name, title, and school) and share two words about how you are feeling today.

## **“Connecting the Dots: Collaborating to Manage Anxiety (Mental Health) in School Communities”**

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# Upcoming Dates

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## School Counselor Network Coffee Chat

Wednesday, May 11

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**[SEL4NJ.org](https://SEL4NJ.org)**

*Please join!!*

# Evaluation



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

# Optimistic Close

*(Emotions are contagious)*



Please share  
something you  
are grateful for.



# 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, SEL and DEI:**
  - 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
  - Including an integrated approach to DEI, SEL, and school climate improvement
- **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

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