



**School Culture &
Climate Initiative**

School Support Network

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Supporting, Connecting and Empowering Schools

Welcome!

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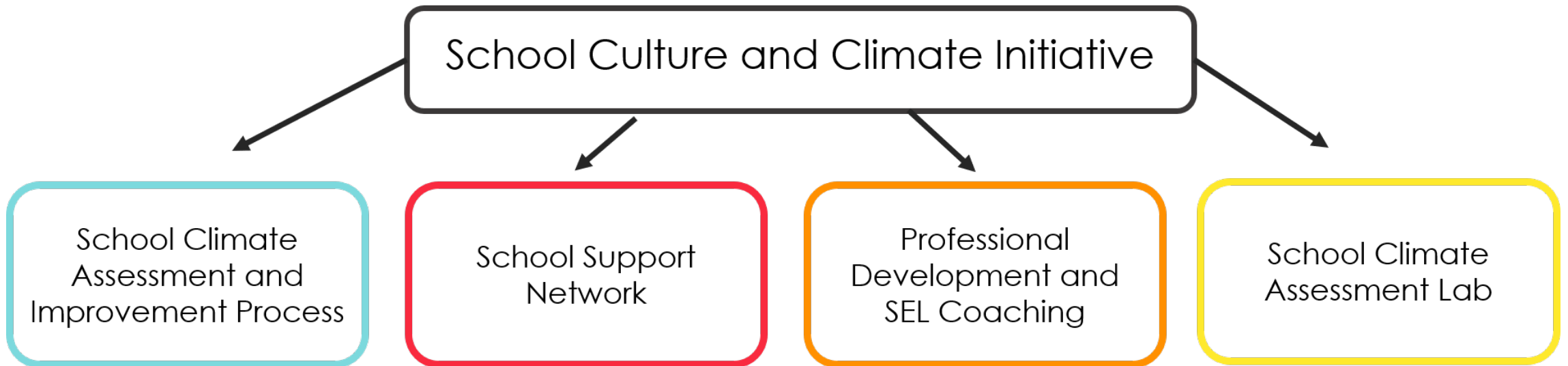
And our wonderful team...

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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 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 (like today)

- 90 minutes – monthly Professional Development

Coffee Chat

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

Job-Alike Coffee Chats

- 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:
 - "Getting Ready for 2022-2023: Countering Spirit Loss to Achieve Learning Gain and Student and Staff Mental Health"
 - Presented by: *Maurice Elias, Ph.D.*, Professor of Psychology, Rutgers University; Director, Rutgers Social-Emotional and Character Development Lab; Co-Director, Academy for Social-Emotional Learning in Schools
- Resources Available from the *School Culture and Climate Initiative*
- Dates for Your Calendar
- Evaluation

Settling in...



Enter two words in the chat about how
you are feeling today.

Introductions



Please take a
minute to
complete the poll.

Thank you!

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Upcoming Dates

Coffee Chat

Monday, May 2
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

School Counselor Network Coffee Chat

Wednesday, May 11
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

In-person SSN Meeting

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

Wednesday, May 4
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Sage Alliance, 900 Darlington
Avenue, Mahwah, NJ

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Please join!!

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

Optimistic Close

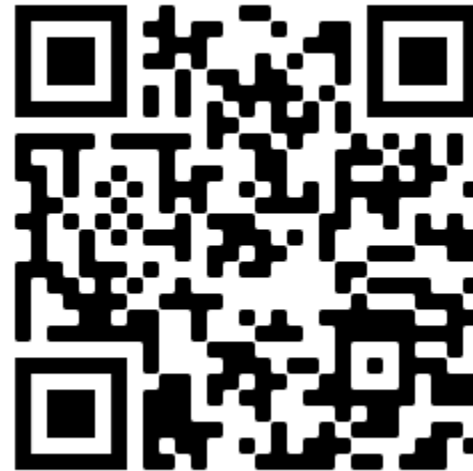
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Please share in the
chat something
you are grateful
for.



Evaluation



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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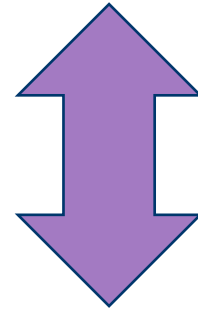
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The Foundation

The **social-emotional skills** of students and staff create the foundation for a positive school climate.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion



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In a positive **school climate** teaching and learning can happen and all are respected, heard, valued and supported.