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Welcome!

Dear Conference Attendee,

Due to the effects of the ongoing pandemic, PAPSA's 43rd Annual PAPSA Conference will be a one-day virtual event. Notwithstanding, our Executive Board has endeavored to provide a program that will benefit our members and promote best practices in the Pupil Services field on a virtual platform.

These are unprecedented times in education and that means that we must all attempt to stay abreast of what is new in our area of expertise. Perhaps most importantly, the need to be aware of the legal ramifications in attempting to provide a meaningful and appropriate education in a setting that is safe and healthy for students and staff is at or near the very top of the list of concerns. Thus, we hope that the information provided during this conference will provide invaluable information and help to move you a few steps forward along the path to excellence.

This year's conference features our longtime legal presenters from the firm of Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams, LLP. The full-day session will provide in-depth synopses of legal issues in the areas of Special Education and pupil services. As always, this promises to be an excellent program.

Naturally, we would prefer the opportunity to provide an in-person professional development experience as we have in the past and look forward to returning to that format in the future. In fact, at this time we have scheduled our 2022 annual conference for The Inn at Leola Village next April. Please plan to renew acquaintances with your pupil services colleagues.

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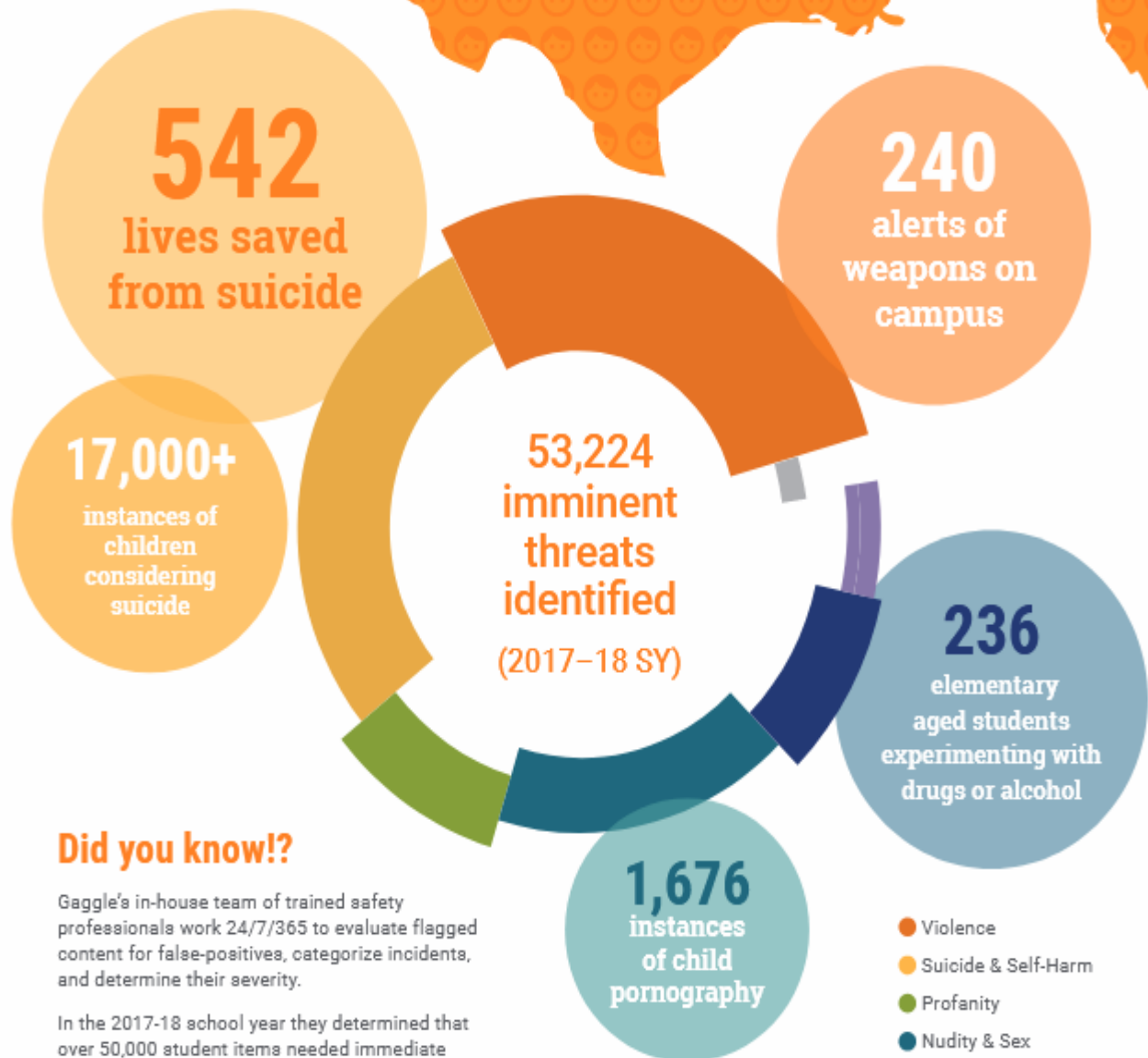


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2021 PAPSA Conference Schedule

Friday, April 9, 2021

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9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.*

Legal Issues Impacting Special Education

Jane Williams, Esquire

Sharon Montanye, Esquire

Tom Warner, Esq.

Leslie Collins, Esq.

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*There will be break during this session at @ 10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Annual Business Meeting

11:45 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch Break

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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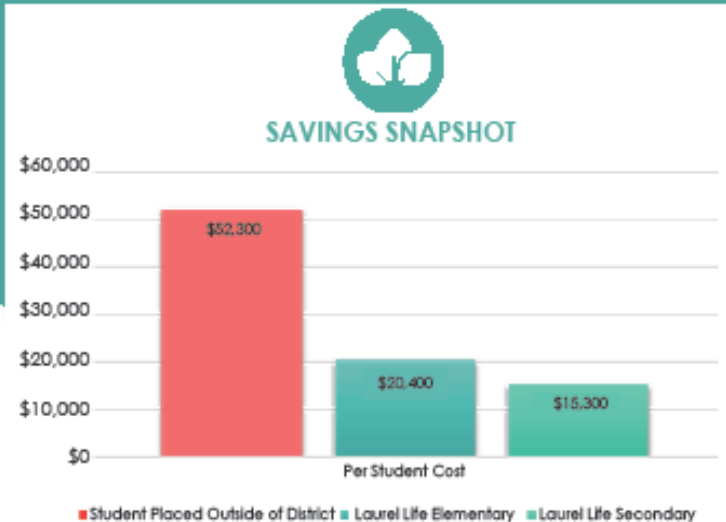
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- Laurel Life Transition Classrooms utilize district curriculum to maintain academic rigor and keep students on track educationally.
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Dr. Paul Ruhlman
Bedford Area School District
Assistant Superintendent

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Dr. Tod Kline
Waynesboro Area School District
Superintendent

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If you have not already done so, now is the time to renew your membership in PAPSA for the 2021-22 fiscal year. The following categories of membership are recognized:

- Regular* Membership (Voting and office holding privileges) - \$170.00
- Retired* Membership (Must have been a PAPSA member for 5 years) - \$10.00
- Student* Membership (Currently enrolled in a supervisory/administrative program) - \$25.00
- Institutional* Membership - **Best Value** (Discount rate for up to 5 staff members) - \$340.00
- Joint PAPSA/NAPSA* Membership (Represents a \$20.00 discount) - \$330.00

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A membership application form is included in your conference packet. Send it, along with your check made payable to “PAPSA,” to:

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PAPSA will be offering Act 48 credit for this program. A participant wishing to receive Act 48 credit will be required to enter their PPID number upon registration. Incorrectly entered or missing PPID number information will result in no credit being obtained. It is the sole responsibility of the participant to properly enter required PPID information. To check their status with regard to Act 48 credits, individuals should go to: <https://www.perms.pa.gov/Screens/wfProfessionalPersonnelID.aspx>

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CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

Collins, Leslie: Of counsel in the firm of Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams, Ms. Collins concentrates her work in the areas of special education and student services. She joined the firm after working as a staff attorney for the PA State Education Association. There, she counseled members, governance and staff in matters pertaining to individuals with disabilities, special education, assessment and accommodations, child protective services, student records, school funding, ESEA, establishment of religion, school violence, Transfer Between Entities and other legal issues arising in the public educational setting. She was responsible for assisting in drafting, reviewing, and/or analyzing federal and state statutes, regulations and guidelines pertaining to these areas and for providing professional development to staff, members and at special education conferences in PA and other states. Ms. Collins' has also worked for the US Department of Education where she analyzed and drafted legislation, prepared departmental recommendations for Congress on legislation affecting special education, and received an award for exemplary performance. She is a board member of the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners and is a frequent speaker at conferences on various issues related to special education and to other areas listed above.

Montanye, Sharon: A managing partner with the firm of Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams, Sharon Wolff Montanye has earned a reputation with clients as a powerful advocate in special education litigation and a knowledgeable and thoughtful advisor. While many of the issues facing school districts or other school entities remain constant, countless other influences shape how those issues must be addressed: federal and state mandates, state funding limitations, academic and technological innovations and expectations for governance all directly impact the ability of public school entities to deliver high quality education. Helping school board directors, superintendents and other administrators understand how to apply the myriad of legal requirements facing them is the core of her practice. Ms. Montayne has spoken widely to audiences of educators and attorneys, both in school entities and for such organizations as the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Pennsylvania Association of Pupil Service Administrators. Prior to joining the practice of law, she spent nearly a dozen years working in the field of education as a certified teacher, administrator, grant writer, and peer reviewer for both the United States Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Warner, Tom: A partner with the firm of Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams, Mr. Warner's practice focuses primarily on the representation of PA school districts and entities in matters of special education. While he devotes much of his practice to representing clients in matters of special education litigation at the administrative and appellate levels, he also spends a significant amount of time providing in-service training to school districts regarding various matters, including the development of defensible special education programming and confidentiality/disclosure issues involving education records. He also frequently presents at conferences focused on special education legal issues. Prior to joining the firm, he served as a law clerk for a firm in Pittsburgh, PA and interned for the Allegheny County Law Dept.

Williams, Jane: A partner with the firm of Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams, Ms. Williams has over 25 years in practice and is among the most experienced attorneys currently representing school entities in special education and student matters. She has served as a hearing officer and advisor to school boards in student expulsion matters, and provided school district boards with in-service programs concerning special education and pupil services. She provides both proactive and defense representation to school entities in all phases of special education litigation. She is a well-regarded speaker and consultant on special education and other education law-related topics, having lectured statewide to a variety of organizations consisting of both educators and attorneys. She has served for years as a planning committee member of the Lehigh Univ. College of Education Special Education Law Symposium, and participated as a moderator and presenter over the years. Ms. Williams has served in several leadership roles in the Pennsylvania School Board Solicitors Association, including that of President. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association..



WHY PAPSA?

PAPSA remains the only professional organization in the Commonwealth solely dedicated to serving those persons engaged in the supervision and administration of Pupil Services, including special education. To remain up-to-date on issues of concern in the field, you are encouraged to regularly check the PAPSA website at www.papsa-web.org. In particular, the sections on *News*, *Resources*, and *Membership* services are constantly changing.

To contact the Executive Director or ask a question of our Executive Board and membership, e-mail your request to Dr. Douglas Arnold at papsa@ptd.net or call (570) 656-4286. The PAPSA web site can be accessed at www.papsa-web.org.



PROGRAM SUMMARIES

Friday 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

19th Annual Paul Stevens Memorial School Law Seminar

Jane Williams, Esq.

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For many years, Attorney Paul Stevens served as PAPSA’s legal advisor and conducted workshops on relevant legal issues at the annual PAPSA conference. Following his untimely death, PAPSA established the Paul Stevens Memorial Law Seminar as an ongoing feature of the conference. Legal experts from Mr. Stevens’ former law firm of Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams will update attendees on court decisions, regulations, and best practices that affect the role of the pupil services administrator. The two-part examination of recent court decisions and regulatory changes affecting both pupil services and special education is divided into a morning session focusing on special education topics followed by an afternoon session directed toward pupil services concerns such as counseling, social work, attendance, and psychology. This program has consistently earned top ratings from participants

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