



## **Lifelines for Leaders: Navigating Challenges to Inspire Success for All: The 46th Annual PAPSA Conference, April 9-11, 2025**

The Pennsylvania Association of Pupil Services Administrators (PAPSA) is proud to announce that the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Bureau of Special Education Director Dr. Carole Clancy will headline the 46th Annual PAPSA Conference, which also features the 22nd Paul Stevens Memorial Legal Seminar. The conference theme is Lifelines for Leaders: Navigating Challenges to Inspire Success for All. The program will be held on April 9-11, 2025 at the beautiful Inn At Leola Village near Lancaster and will provide a wide variety of pupil/student services related topics to help attendees effectively address today's unprecedented demands.

Dr. Clancy will keynote the Wednesday, April 9th afternoon opening sessions. Her presentation will focus on hot topics in special education straight from Harrisburg. In addition to Dr. Clancy, the conference also features the widely acclaimed 22nd Paul Stevens Memorial Legal Seminar, which focuses on salient legal issues in the areas of special education and pupil services on both the state and national levels. As a special treat for attendees, former University of Michigan and St. Joe's Head Basketball Coach Phil Martelli will motivate attendees to be the best leaders they can be.

The complete lineup of outstanding presentations includes:

Wednesday, April 9th \*School Health Services Update - Colleen Schultz, M.Ed., RN CSN, Chief of the PDH Division of School Health Services \*Update from PDE on Hot Topics in the Delivery of Special Education Services - Dr. Carole L. Clancy, Director of the PDE Bureau of Special Education \*Building Teacher Competencies and Improving Student Outcomes through Pre-referral Related Services Collaboration - Dr. Jennifer Curtis, BCBA Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services; Kelly Hixon, and Stephen Rupp, Colonial IU 20

Thursday, April 10th \*SLIFE: Supporting Newcomer & Refugee Students & Families in Our Schools - Dr. Carmen Rowe, Founder, Accelerating Languages \*Addressing Student Needs with Fixed Resources - Paul Bigham, PAPSA Executive Board Member, Director of Organizational Development and Student Services, Mechanicsburg Area School District \*The Role of Pupil Services Administrators in Creating Safe and Welcoming Learning Environments for Gender Diverse Students - Graciela Slesaransky-Poe, PhD., Professor, Arcadia University School of Education \*Lead Like A Pro: The Ultimate Leadership Game Plan - Phil Martelli, NCAA Division I Head Basketball Coach (St. Joe's University and University of Michigan)

Friday, April; 11th 22nd Paul Stevens Memorial Legal Seminar \*Legal Issues Impacting Special Ed. - Attorneys from Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP \*Legal Issues Impacting Pupil Services - Attorneys from Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams. LLP

Lodging and seats available are still available, please register and make your reservations now!

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