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**Connecting for Success announces Call for Proposals**

MARLBORO - The Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators is excited to announce the opening of its annual Call for Proposals by the Connecting for Success Leadership Team. The team invites proposals from exceptional educators who are eager to share the best practices and resources that makes their students *FUTURE READY*.

The Connecting for Success (CFS) annual conference caters to educators who currently work, or aspire to work, in a Massachusetts high school. It offers valuable opportunities for professional development aimed at enhancing practices and improving student outcomes. The conference is committed to delivering purposeful professional learning experiences that enrich educators' knowledge, skills, and practices through meaningful engagement.

The CFS Leadership Team is actively soliciting proposals for presentations, speakers, and workshops that cover all facets of an educational setting. This encompasses vocational and agricultural educators, academic educators, guidance and specialized support staff, aides and para-professionals, school nurses, and administrators.

Below you'll find details, guidelines, and submission instructions for proposals. For inquiries about the call, please contact one of the program coordinators: Bethany Botelho BethanyBotelho@mava.us, Melanie Chartier MelanieChartier@mava.us, or Catie Tuccinardi CTuccinardi@mava.us.

**Proposal Guidelines**

**PRESENTATION IDEAS**

* Best Practices
* Unique Student Projects
* Competency Tracking
* Tool Room Procedures
* Program Specific Topics
* Classroom Management
* Shop & Academic Crossover Projects
* Engagement and Teaching Strategies
* Exploratory Projects (CTE program specific)
* Fundraising for extracurricular activities (DECA, FFA, SkillsUSA etc.)
* Cross-curricular Joint Projects between Academic and Vocational/Agricultural
* Universal Design for Learning Framework Implementation
* Strategies to support ELs in specific content areas
* Strategies to move instruction from teacher-centered to student-centered
* Academic & vocational integration strategies
* MTSS Tiered Support Strategies
* Licensure Advancement and PDP planning
* Effective Coteaching Strategies
* Ed-Tech Tools for instruction and formative assessment
* Strategies for Diverse Learners
* MyCap - College and Career Readiness
* Trauma-informed Strategies
* Addressing Chronic Absenteeism
* MTSS Implementation
* New Teacher Tips
* Mentoring Programs

**SESSION FORMAT**

All sessions must be 50-minutes in length. *Examples include:*

* 30-minute presentation with 20-minute interactive activities
* 40-minute session with 10 minutes for discussions, questions, & answers
* 40-minute carousel activity with 10 minutes for discussions, questions, & answers
* 50-minute professional learning community/job alike discussion
* Double session (allotted 110 minutes)

**AVAILABILITY**

* I will present multiple sessions on Wednesday (6/26)
* I will present multiple sessions on Thursday (6/27)
* I will present multiple sessions on both Wednesday (6/26) & Thursday (6/27)
* I can only present one session on Wednesday (6/26)
* I can only present one session on Thursday (6/27)

**SPEAKER REQUIREMENTS**

As a conference speaker, you will be expected to:

* Use materials and language that do not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, physical and intellectual differences/ability, or sexual orientation
* Provide your own presentation materials, handouts, and resources for distribution to participants
* Provide your specific presentation availability
* Detail the classroom space needed for your presentation
* Understand there is no stipend associated with your presentation. A certificate of presentation hours will be awarded to you after the conference has closed.

**COMPENSATION**

Presenters will receive a certificate detailing presentation hours. The certificate can be turned into schools for professional development points (MAVA does not issue professional development points).

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

All submissions should use our online form. [Click Here](https://www.cognitoforms.com/MAVA1/MAVAConnectingForSuccess2024PresenterProposal) to submit your pitch. The URL for submissions is: *https://www.cognitoforms.com/MAVA1/MAVAConnectingForSuccess2024PresenterProposal*