

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION



An MSAA Professional Development Workshop for: K-12 Teachers, Curriculum Coaches and Administrators

Higher Order Thinking Through Questioning How to Pre Plan Questions to Engage All Learners in Critical Thinking



Featuring Presenter: **Jennifer Mannion**

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Sign-In/Registration: 8:00am-8:30am
Workshop: 8:30am-3:00pm

PD Hours: 6
Content Area: Curriculum and Instruction

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"I hear you saying rigor all the time. What do you mean?" Often times as educators, we use common terminology but have different understanding and skills in regard to what an instructional theory or strategy looks like in practice. This question, asked by a teacher when I was a new administrator, sparked an exploration into how to support teachers in engaging all learners in higher order thinking. By pre-planning questions to ask during a unit or lesson, we can ensure all students engage in critical thinking.

In this workshop, we will:

- Revise or create curriculum to include both questions that drive content and skill development as well as questions to drive critical thinking.
- Learn to differentiate between an important question and an essential question
- Learn how to develop open-ended questions.

This workshop is useful for teaching teams or individuals who want time to collaborate to improve an existing unit or create a new unit of instruction. Whether you attend as a team or individual, please bring a topic or unit of instruction. Throughout the workshop. We will practice applying the strategies learned so you leave with a product you can use in your practice as a teacher or teacher leader.

Jennifer Mannion has been an educator for almost three decades and has seen many shifts in instructional practice. As a teacher, instructional coach, curriculum coordinator, and building administrator, she has always been interested in how to engage all students in complex thinking and learning.

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