

E.C.E.A. 2017 OVERNIGHT WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Friday Night General Session: Mark Weber (Jersey Jazzman)

Mark Weber, aka Jersey Jazzman, is a public school teacher, a public school parent, and one of New Jersey's best-known advocates for real education reform. A music teacher in Somerset County, Weber is also a doctoral candidate in Education Policy at Rutgers. His blog (jerseyjazzman.blogspot.com) has become the best-known voice of New Jersey teachers fighting for respect and against the destructive policies of the Christie administration. Weber's work also appears regularly at TheWashingtonPost.com, the National Education Policy Center, and NJ Spotlight. Diane Ravitch calls Weber: "One of my favorite bloggers."

Saturday Workshops:

CPR/AED/First Aid – This is a two-part workshop – both parts must be attended for certificate. Certificates for: CPR/AED – 2 hours for Adult & Pediatric training. First Aid – 2 hours will include Epi-Pen and Blood-Bourne Pathogen Training – **Team Life**

L.G.B.T.Q.+ Explore and discuss the issues that members of the LGBTQ+ community face, and as allies, what you can do to help them deal with these problems. Issues of discrimination, rejection at home, proper pronoun usage, students and staff legal rights and responsibilities are just a small sample of topics that will be covered. – **ECEA LGBTQ+ Committee**

Stress Reduction – Hands-on for participants with a self-evaluation, education, humor and coping skills. Today, one in four school employees are facing stress-related concerns as they daily enter the workplace. Workshop provides tools for self-help, life balance and, when needed, avenues for professional assistance. Participants answer critical questions about themselves to best develop a new model for greater positive outcomes. – **Wayne Dibofsky, Healthcare Assistance**

Technology - Learn tips and tricks of using Google Sheets and Forms that will make your organizational skills easier. Plus explore how Google Classroom will save time, keep classes organized, and improve communication with students. – **Sabina Ellis**

Effective Classroom Paraprofessionals – This workshop offers paraprofessionals skill enhancement in the areas of classroom management and verbal skills, including assertiveness skills, anger management, and conflict resolution.

Time Management for Educational Support Professionals (ESPs) – This workshop demonstrates a variety of proven time-management techniques that can be used to augment the quantity and quality of your personal and professional time. The program covers such topical areas as setting priorities, how to eliminate time-wasters, how to utilize too-do lists, time management strategies, and principles of project management.

Understanding your Health Benefits in the Age of Chapter 78 (Take Back Your Paycheck) – This workshop will focus on the financial hardships imposed by Ch. 78 due to the continuing impact on member's net pay even once a local association has reached Tier 4. The effectiveness of various relief methods will be discussed, along with actual changes that have been negotiated at the bargaining table. Finally, we will discuss Ch. 78 deductions in complex situations such as leaves of absences and retirements.

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