

About the Spring Conference Program ...

(Thursday and Friday, April 26-27)

Response to Intervention is far more than another federal mandate or a new special education initiative. At its core, RTI is a researched-based process designed to provide every child with the time and support needed to learn at high levels. Unfortunately, many schools are struggling to realize the powerful potential of RTI due to misguided thinking that is making RTI too focused by paperwork and protocols, too rigid to meet the unique needs of each school, and too narrowly viewed as merely a new way to qualify kids for special education. This presentation will share a new vision of the RTI pyramid, and a new way of thinking about RTI guided by four essential guiding principles: Collective Responsibility; Concentrated Instruction; Convergent Assessment; and Certain Access.

Participants will:

- Be provided a compelling case for RTI
- Be introduced to the 4 C's of RTI
- Learn how to create a school culture and structure aligned to the principle of Collective Responsibility
- Review the responsibilities of the three essential RTI teams: teacher teams, leadership team, and intervention team
- Learn a powerful process to identify essential standards and unpack each standard into learning targets
- Create a "teaching cycle" to differentiate in Tier 1
- Experience a process for responding to common assessments data sets, for both student learning and adult learning
- Consider practical ideas for universal screening
- Learn how to create flexible time to regroup, reteach, and enrich students during the school day
- Learn a process to identify students in need of help, determine their learning needs and appropriate interventions, monitor student progress, revise interventions when needed, and extend student learning once interventions have worked.

About the Presenter ...

Mike Mattos has successfully used the Professional Learning Communities at Work™ model to transform schools. He is former principal of both Marjorie Veeh Elementary School and Pioneer Middle School in Tustin, California. At these schools, Mattos helped create powerful PLCs, sustaining a collaborative environment among his staffs and improving learning for all students. His vision unites teachers, counselors, and administrators in a common goal—to educate all students. His latest book is *Simplifying Response to Intervention: Four Essential Guiding Principles*, which he co-authored with Austin Buffum and Chris Weber. He speaks throughout the country sharing his vision for PLCs and RTI.

Evening Awards Banquet

Please join us for the MPA Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 26 as we honor those who are retiring, the Assistant Principal of the Year, the High School Principal of the Year, the Middle Level Principal of the Year, the National Distinguished Principal, and the recipients of the Service to Maine Youth and Larry LaBrie Awards.

Directions to the Samoset (594-2511)...

From Portland (78 miles)...

I-295 North to Exit #28 to Route 1 North (Coastal Route); Route 1 North through Rockland; 1/3 mile beyond McDonald's (left) and Burger King (right), turn right at the traffic light onto Waldo Avenue (Littlefield Baptist Church), 1/2 mile on Waldo Avenue to the Samoset.

From Augusta (42 miles)...

Route 17 East approximately 41 miles, then Route 17 bears right, proceed straight - 1/2 mile to Route 1 (McDonald's on left), turn left onto Route 1 North 1/3 mile, turn right at the traffic light onto Waldo Avenue (Littlefield Baptist Church), 1/2 mile on Waldo Avenue to the Samoset.

From Bangor (61 miles)...

Route 1A South to Route 1 South through Belfast and Camden; 7 miles beyond Camden turn left onto Warrenton Street just past the Glen Cove Rest Area, 1 mile on Warrenton Street to the Samoset.

*We thank Virco Manufacturing Corporation
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Reserve your room at the Samoset now!

Room reservations must be made directly with the Samoset by phone (1-800-341-1650) by March 25. A deposit is refundable if cancellation is received 72-hours prior to arrival date. Please ask for the Maine Principals' Association's Spring Conference rate . . . \$115.00 plus tax for a guestroom or \$262.00 plus tax for a suite. Check-in is at 3:00 p.m. and check-out is at 12:00 noon.



Maine Principals' Association Spring Conference

"Simplifying Response to Intervention: Four Essential Guiding Principles"

with
Mike Mattos

and
Awards Banquet

April 26-27, 2012
The Samoset, Rockport

*** Please Register by April 13, 2012. ***
Sorry, no refunds after April 19, 2012

MPA Spring Conference and Awards Banquet

Name _____

Badge Name _____

Position _____

School _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail * _____

(* Required—Conference confirmation sent by e-mail only)

✓ Registration Fee for Spring Conference

- _____ \$200 MPA member
- _____ \$200 Teacher attending with MPA member
- _____ \$250 Non-MPA member

Cost includes conference program and materials, including *Simplifying Response to Intervention: Four Essential Guiding Principles*; two breakfasts; coffee breaks; and Thursday luncheon.

✓ Thursday Evening Banquet

- _____ \$45 MPA members/Non-MPA members (includes tax and gratuity)

Total enclosed \$ _____ Bill school.

Mail registration & check payable to MPA to:

MPA, P.O. Box 2468,
Augusta, ME 04338-2468
(Fax: 622-1513)

MPA 2012 Spring Conference and Evening Awards Banquet

Agenda

Wednesday, April 25

3:00 - 6:30 p.m. Registration for the Spring Conference—Lobby
3:00 p.m. Meeting of the Professional Management Committee

"Simplifying Response to Intervention: Four Essential Guiding Principles"

Conference—Thursday, April 26

~~ Be sure to visit exhibitors during their one day show ~~

7:00-8:00 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Visits with Exhibitors
8:00-9:45 a.m. Interscholastic Division Business Meeting
8:00-9:15 a.m. Elementary and Middle Level Discussion Groups
9:15-10:00 a.m. Coffee Break and Exhibit Hall Visits
10:00-10:15 a.m. Welcome and Entertainment
10:15-12:15 p.m. **Presentation by Mike Mattos**, "Simplifying Response to Intervention: Four Essential Guiding Principles"—Sponsored by Virco Manufacturing Corporation
12:15-1:15 p.m. Lunch and Visits with Exhibitors
1:15-3:30 p.m. **Presentation by Mike Mattos** (continued)
3:30 p.m. Free Time
4:00 p.m. Jostens Fun Run and Walk
6:00 p.m. Reception Celebrating the MPA Award Recipients — Sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association — All conference participants are invited to attend
7:00 p.m. MPA Evening Awards Banquet—All conference participants are encouraged to attend (banquet ticket needed)

Friday, April 27

6:45-7:45 a.m. Registration and Full Buffet Breakfast
7:45-8:45 a.m. Professional Division Business Meeting
8:45-9:00 a.m. Coffee Break
9:00-12:00 Noon **Presentation by Mike Mattos** (continued)
12:00 Noon Conference Conclusion and Closing Remarks

In keeping with the theme of building professional community,
we encourage members to bring a small school team.