

# New Jersey School Health and Climate Coalition

**Healthy Schools, Healthy Students:** A Year-Long Series of Conferences  
Devoted to Helping All Students Thrive Socially, Emotionally, Physically, and Academically



**Series Focus** - Focusing on New Jersey, but aware of national trends, this series of conferences will address two key questions across critical school health issues: *Where Are We Now?* & *What Do We Need to Do?* The goal of each conference is to provide an evidence-based assessment of the current landscape and create a vision for needed next steps to address critical school health issues such as school climate and bullying; students' mental health; substance misuse/abuse; and obesity.

For children in New Jersey to thrive, we must overcome barriers to school improvement in these domains at all levels: local, regional, and statewide. This demands the cooperation of health, education, and other sectors to create schools that are inspiring, safe, challenging, healthy, supportive, caring communities of learners. This conference series is a call to members of all these sectors to learn from each other and establish collaborative networks dedicated to the health of all New Jersey's children.

**Children are one third of our population and all of our future.**

*~ Select Panel for the Promotion of Child Health, 1981*

Please join us for the first in the *Healthy Schools, Healthy Students* Conference Series

## School Climate and Bullying: Where Are We Now? What Do We Need to Do?

*Conveners: New Jersey School Health and Climate Coalition, NJ Coalition for Bullying Awareness and Prevention, United Way of Northern New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*

**August 15, 2016** from 8:00am-4:30pm

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Princeton, New Jersey

**Register here:** <https://secure.unitedwaynnj.org/SchoolClimateAndBullying2016>

**Part I** – Key-note: Dr. Maurice Elias, Department of Psychology, Rutgers University

We will explore the key elements necessary for students to thrive socially, academically, emotionally and physically in a school, where schools are in terms of having these elements in place, and how we can improve.

**Part II** –Key-note: Dr. Anne Gregory, Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology, Rutgers University

Taking a deeper look into the topic of school climate and bullying, we will explore causes and wide-ranging impact on our most vulnerable populations. Our goal is to generate next steps to remove the systemic barriers and challenges that prevent schools from being safe, secure places where all children thrive.

### Audience

Representatives from the healthcare and education sectors, state and local government, professional associations, private foundations, and not-for-profit organizations are all encouraged to attend and contribute to helping all students thrive.

### More Information

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