

NYCASE 24th Summer Conference
Lead Boldly ~ Empower Every Learner
July 13-15, 2026
Schedule at A Glance

Monday July 13, 2026

7:00am Vendor Set Up

7:45 Registration/Coffee/Vendor Showcase - Lobby & Finger Lakes Foyer

8:20 Welcome/Announcements - Group Energeizer - Skaneateles/Finger Lakes Ballroom

9:00 Keynote 1: Lead From Who You Are - Dr. Joseph Sanfelippo - Skaneateles/Finger Lakes Ballroom

10:30 Break/Vendor Showcase - Finger Lakes Foyer

11:00: Regional Group Sessions (4 groups) - Cayuga, Otisco, Canandaigua, Skaneateles

12:00 Break/Vendor Showcase - Finger Lakes Foyer

12:15 Friend of Special Education Award/Lunch/ Business Meeting
Skaneateles/Finger Lakes Ballroom

1:15 Keynote II: Advocacy and Collective Leadership in Complex Times
Phyllis Wolfram - Skaneateles/Finger Lakes Ballroom

2:45 Break/Vendor Showcase - Finger Lakes Foyer

3:15 Breakout Session I:

Session A: **What Are We Learning About AI in Special Education? A Leadership Roundtable on Glows, Grows, Guardrails, and Next Steps** - Jon Mitchell - Skaneateles

Session B: **Expanding Mental health in Schools with the School Mental Health Resource and Training (SMHRT) Center** Donna Bradbury
Canandaigua

Session C: **Lead Boldly at the IEP Table: Trust, Voice, and Partnership**
Yvette Goorevitch Naomi Brickel - Cayuga

Session D: **Creating Accessible Education through Assistive Technology**
Dr. Tammy Goedkin - Otisco

4:15 Break/Vendor Showcase - Finger Lakes Foyer

4:45-5:45 Co-Presidents' Reception - Persian Terrace

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

8:15 Breakfast - Skaneateles/Finger Lakes Ballroom

8:30 Introduction/Announcements - Skaneateles/Finger Lakes Ballroom

9:00 Keynote III: Soaring Balloons & Heavy Shackles - Helping the Most Challenged Kids Soar Heidy LaFleur - Skaneateles/Finger Lakes Ballroom

10:30 Break/Vendor Showcase - Finger Lakes Foyer

11:00 Breakout II:

Session E: **Reacting vs. Responding to Behavior...The Power of 60 Seconds**
Heidy Lafleur - Skaneateles

Session F: **Literacy Unleashed: Connecting Students to the Power of Words**
Dr. Mervin Jenkins -Cayuga

Session G: **When Challenges Arise: Mediation as a Tool for Special Education Conflict** Bobbie Dillon, Yvette Goorevitch, Rebecca Fenlong - Otisco

Session H: **Fostering Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems: Aligning the Local System of Care with MTSS Models to Support School Based Mental Health Initiatives** - Victoria Shaw - Canandaigua

12:00 Break/Vendor Showcase - Finger Lakes Foyer

12:15 Lunch & Karen Norlander Award for Outstanding Legal Advocacy -
Tara Moffett, Esq. - Skaneateles/Finger Lakes Ballroom

1:00 Special Education Legal Update - What You Need to Know Now
Tara Moffett, Esq. - Skaneateles/Finger Lakes Ballroom

2:15 Break/Vendor Showcase - Finger Lakes Foyer

2:45 Breakout III:

Session I: Let's Give Them More to Talk About: Using Brain Science and Diffusion of Knowledge to Strengthen Trauma-Assumed Practice

Dr. Maurene Goodman, Dr. Alexandra Vernice - Canandaigua

Session J: Lessons Learned Evaluating Special Education Services Across NYS

Dr. Kristin Dudek, Dr. Brian Schmitt, Mr. Robert Breidenstein - Skaneateles

Session K: AI as a SpEd Thought Partner: Exploring Workflows to Strengthen IEP Goals, Streamline Progress Monitoring, and Improve Family Communication Matt Giovanniello, Christine Perricelli - Cayuga

Session L: Advocacy Basics: How to Use Your Voice to Support Special Education Dr. Rae Lynn Helman, Dr. Andrew J. Ecker - Otisco

3:45 Break/Vendor Showcase - Finger Lakes Foyer

4:15 Committee Meetings - TBA

Wednesday July 15, 2026 - All sessions in Skaneateles/Finger Lakes Ballroom

8:30 Breakfast

8:45 Introduction/Announcements

9:00 **Special Education Administrator of the Year Award -**

9:30 **Keynote IV: Office of Special Education:** Christopher Suriano Associate Commissioner NYSED

11:00 Raffle items! (Must be present to claim!)

Adjourn * **must clean up and move out by 11:45am for the next event scheduled**

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