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The DuPage Regional Office of Education is pleased to partner with several organizations to bring *Living SEL: A Conference Exploring Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)* to Illinois.

“The DuPage Regional Office of Education is proud to be a sponsor of the Living SEL Conference. We must understand that while student safety is our number one priority, we can’t strictly focus on the physical side of safety but must also include the social and emotional well-being of our students. It is the only way we can prepare children for success. I’m confident this conference will bring our educators the tools, resources and strategies needed to help preschool through high school students thrive in school and in the future.” -Dr. Darlene Ruscitti

Please see the press release below from the Center for the Collaborative Classroom for more information.

ALAMEDA, CA, April 24, 2018 —Center for the Collaborative Classroom, in conjunction with The Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL), DuPage Regional Office of Education, Listening to Youth, Center for Childhood Resilience at Lurie Children’s Hospital, Playworks, and Prevent School Violence Illinois, will host a one-day conference, *Living SEL: Practical PreK–12 Applications for Schools*, dedicated to supporting social and emotional learning (SEL) for Illinois students in grades PreK–12 on Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in Downers Grove, IL.

“More than a decade since Illinois became the first state in the country to create SEL standards, schools and districts have made innovative gains in integrating SEL into the school day. Center for the Collaborative Classroom is convening the Living SEL Conference with its esteemed partners in order to learn from and collaborate with educators who care passionately about this work,” explains Peter Brunn, Vice President of Organizational Learning and Communications at Center for the Collaborative Classroom.

The conference features keynote presentations, roundtable panel discussions, and break-out sessions that will equip participants with practical tools they can use in their own SEL work. Speakers include Jill Vialet, CEO at Playworks; Paul Goren, Superintendent of Evanston/Skokie School District 65; Amy Mart, Education Researcher at American Institutes for Research; Dr.

Robert Spicer, CEO of Restorative Strategies; content specialists from Illinois Classrooms in Action; district leaders participating in the DuPage Affiliated Districts Partnership; and Peter Brunn, Vice President of Organizational Learning and Communications at Collaborative Classroom.

Registration is \$79 and includes breakfast, lunch, and all materials. Professional development credits will be available. Visit bit.ly/LivingSELJune7 to register

About Collaborative Classroom

Collaborative Classroom, a nonprofit organization based in Alameda, CA, improves the school experience of children across the globe by providing teachers with engaging curricula and ongoing professional learning that supports the academic as well as the social and emotional development of the students we all serve. Founded in 1980 as Developmental Studies Center by the prominent researcher Eric Schaps, the organization has contributed foundational research on social and emotional learning and pioneered the integration of social and academic development into curricula.

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About DuPage County Regional Office of Education

The DuPage Regional Office of Education is a service organization whose responsibilities are defined by Illinois School Code, Illinois Administrative Code, Illinois State Board of Education mandates, and stakeholder needs. The essential role of the office is to provide high quality service and support to all stakeholders and collectively expend every effort to meet the special responsibility to prepare our children for the world they will face. In addition to the myriad of services provided directly to educators and schools, the office also provides services and support to community members, private schools, parents, children, business leaders, and others. For more information visit www.dupageroe.org.