



**Massachusetts Elementary  
School Principals' Association**  
*Presents*

**Success in the Middle:  
Meeting the Needs of Young Adolescents in the K-8 School Setting**

*Offered in collaboration with the National Association of Middle Schools*

**Presenters: Dr. Santo H. Pino and Juan Rodriguez**

**Course #:** 10-112

**NEW Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2010

**Location:** MESPA Education & Technology Center, Marlborough, MA

**Register by:** February 10, 2010

**Audience:** Principals of K-8 schools and their leadership teams.

This program is open to all middle school principals and their leadership teams.

The morning session will feature a Keynote Address by Dr. Santo Pino. During this interactive session, the following areas will be addressed:

- For K-8 buildings the question is, does one size fit all? In essence, should all elementary grades be organized in the same manner? (One teacher per class; all four subjects taught by the same teacher; unified arts offered once a week; teaming, if done, is by grade level only).
- Are the students, primary grades (PreK-3), different than the students in the intermediate or middle grades (4-8), in terms of needs and instructional methods?
- What are the needs of early adolescents? What does the research tell us?
- What characteristics are demonstrated in the culture of schools that are successful in educating early adolescents?
- What programs are provided in schools that are successful in educating early adolescents?

During the afternoon, two breakout sessions will be offered by Dr. Santo Pino and Mr. Juan Rodriguez. These sessions will be repeated so that all participants are able to attend both sessions. The day will close with a half-hour General Session Wrap-up and Q&A Session.

***Scheduling the K-8 Building*** to meet the needs of primary and middle level students and teachers. The implementation of a collaboratively developed flexible block schedule, teacher teaming both at grade and interdisciplinary levels, and effective instructional strategies for early adolescents will be discussed and explored.

***Transition Support Programs*** for students from the intermediate grades to the middle grades, students transferring into or out of the school, and transitioning our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to high school will be discussed. In addition, the need for an adult/student advisory and advocacy program will be discussed, and the needs of early adolescents in the area of life skills will be explored.

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**Presenters: Dr. Santo H. Pino** is the Past President of the National Middle School Association and Past Executive Director of the Florida League of Middle Schools. Dr. Pino has 44 years in the field of education during which time

he co-designed the award winning educational program for the 1,800 student Manatee Education Center in Naples, Florida comprising the Manatee Elementary and Manatee Middle Schools and served as the principal for 7 years. The school has been recognized by the State of Florida as a “Break the Mold School” and by the U.S. Department of Education as a “Beacon of Excellence” school for its innovative school-within-a-school “house” structure, its inclusion program, and its multi-year looping plan.

**Juan Rodriguez** currently serves as the principal of the Fuller Middle School in Framingham, MA. Mr. Rodriguez was recognized as the MSSAA/NASSP Middle School Principal of the Year for Massachusetts in 2005 and the Fuller Middle School has been recognized by the Rennie Center for Public Education as a top performing middle school for ELL students in 2007. Mr. Rodriguez has also served as an elementary and middle level principal in Lawrence, MA and serves on the Leadership Team for the National Middle Schools Association.

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