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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Community College Presidents  
State University Presidents  
Martin Meehan, President, University of Massachusetts System

**FROM:** Carlos E. Santiago, Commissioner

**DATE:** January 16, 2018

**SUBJECT: DHE Trustee Conference – Thursday, March 1, 2018**

I am excited to announce that we have launched registration for the upcoming annual Trustee Conference. As previously mentioned in my November 20<sup>th</sup> memo, the conference will be held on Thursday, March 1 at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough. This year, we will hold a pre-conference New Trustee Training and Orientation from 9:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m., with the Main Conference running from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Please share the information below with members of your Board of Trustees and encourage them to attend. All participants must register for the conference by visiting [this link](#) by Friday, February 16.**

The conference is an invaluable opportunity for trustees to network and learn more about their fiduciary responsibilities, the current challenges facing individual campuses, and the shared vision for the public higher education system at large. It is vital that we have strong representation from all institutions at this important convening. I hope that you and members of your Board of Trustees will be able to attend.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the conference, please do not hesitate to contact Matt Noyes, Director of Trustee and Governmental Relations, at [mnoyes@dhe.mass.edu](mailto:mnoyes@dhe.mass.edu). Mr. Noyes will follow up with a separate email to Chairs with registration information that you will be copied on.

I look forward to seeing you and trustees from the campus boards in March.

# Please Join Us for the 2018 Statewide Trustee Conference

## Details:

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

Doubletree Hotel | 5400 Computer Drive | Westborough, MA

## Preliminary Agenda:

**9:30 a.m. –10:50 a.m. New Trustee Training and Orientation**

**11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Main Conference**

## The conference will feature:

- **Morning training session/orientation** for new Trustees;
- **Keynote and discussion** with Commissioner Santiago and BHE Chair Gabrieli;
- **Breakout sessions** to include topics based on areas of interest to trustees, including Presidential Evaluation, State Budget Process Overview and Outlook, Diversity in Campus Leadership Positions, and Enrollment and Transfer Trends;
- **Opportunities to network** with colleagues;
- An **afternoon panel**: “Campus Climate Change: From Free Speech to Hate Speech and Back Again” (or How to Safeguard, Not Stifle Students) featuring representatives of MA public college and universities.