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## COMING THIS FALL



Starting monthly this fall, the Curriculum Office will publish a monthly newsletter. The newsletter will include:

- \*Web Page Update
- \*New Blog Posts
- \*Reimagine, Redesign, and Reinvent Themes
- \*Curriculum Updates
- \*Professional Learning Library
- \*Professional Development Opportunities
- \*Food For Thought

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 17-18

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The vision of the Ashland Public Schools PD Plan is to offer all staff continuous professional development opportunities that will allow them to improve their instruction and increase student performance. This will be done in an engaging, motivating, and meaningful way to all staff.





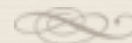
JESS MINAHAN  
CONVOCATION AUGUST 28, 2017

Jessica Minahan is a licensed and board-certified behavior analyst (BCBA), author, special educator, and consultant to schools internationally. Since 2000 she has worked with students who struggle with mental health issues and challenging behavior in public school systems. She specializes in training staff and creating behavior intervention plans for students who demonstrate explosive and unsafe behavior. She also works with students who have emotional and behavioral disabilities, anxiety disorders, or high-functioning Autism. Her particular interest is to serve these students by combining behavioral interventions with a comprehensive knowledge of best practices for those with complex mental health profiles and learning needs.

She holds a BS in Intensive Special Education from Boston University and a dual master's degree in Special Education and Elementary Education from Wheelock College. She has a certificate of graduate study (CGS) in teaching children with Autism from the University of Albany and received her BCBA training from Northeastern University in Boston. She is sought after internationally to speak on subjects ranging from effective interventions for students with anxiety to supporting hard-to-reach students in full-inclusion public school settings.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 17-18

The mission of the Ashland Public Schools PD Plan is to improve instruction and student performance by supporting professional development opportunities that are aligned to the Blueprint and meets the needs of teachers and students.



### OCTOBER 18, 2017:(EARLY RELEASE)

- PreK-5: Journeys overview and update
- K-12 SPED, Guidance, Service Providers: Jess Minahan follow up and working group
- 6-12: Dialectical Behavior Therapy Training



### JANUARY 12, 2018: (FULL DAY)

- PreK-5: Using the Daily 5 and CAFE with Journeys
- 6-12: Concurrent Sessions in the morning, building based PD in the afternoon



### APRIL 13, 2018 AND MAY 11, 2018 (EARLY RELEASE)

- Building based professional development. Topics TBD at a later date

