

## Administrative Memo

Date: August 26, 2020  
To: School Administrators  
From: Blaine Henningsen, assistant commissioner, Office of College and Career Readiness  
Subject: CCR-20-002 – Alive and Well Communities Address Social-Emotional Learning

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has partnered with Alive and Well Communities to provide additional guidance documents, training sessions and engagement strategies for educators regarding social-emotional learning and development. As schools begin the 2020-21 school year, administrators are welcoming back students and staff members who may have experienced unprecedented trauma due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of this initiative, Alive and Well Communities will host two opportunities for educators to talk to social-emotional learning experts and ask questions during live webinars on the following dates and times:

- Friday, August 28 at 1:30 p.m. (Zoom meeting information [here](#))
- Monday, August 31 at 9:00 a.m. (Zoom meeting information [here](#))

Educators across the state of Missouri will have the opportunity to participate in several learning and engagement opportunities throughout this school year, with programs evolving to meet the emerging needs of educators as the pandemic continues. View the list of [upcoming training dates and locations](#) on DESE's Trauma-Informed Schools webpage, [MoTraumaSchools.com](http://MoTraumaSchools.com), which will be updated regularly.

Additionally, DESE and Alive and Well Communities have created a [First Day Guidance document](#) to provide educators considerations for how to address social-emotional learning immediately, on Day One of learning. A recorded webinar to review first-day guidance information is also available [here](#). DESE's Social-Emotional Learning presentation given during the virtual Cooperative Conference for School Administrators, can be viewed [here](#).

If you have questions regarding social-emotional learning or Alive and Well Communities, please contact Rene Yoesel, coordinator of School Counseling, at [Rene.Yoesel@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Rene.Yoesel@dese.mo.gov) or 573-751-0857.