



# VIRTUAL NEURODIVERSITY EQUITY SUMMIT

## EQUITY AND NEURO-AFFIRMING PERSPECTIVES IN EDUCATION: SUPPORTING AUTISTIC STUDENTS IN THE EDUCATIONAL SETTING

**AUG 17, 2023 • 8:30-4:00 PM**

**Target Audience:** teachers, administrators, school counselors, school psychologists, speech and language pathologists, para educators and other educational professionals who support neurodivergent individuals.

**8:30-9:30 AM**

### KEYNOTE RUSSELL LEHMANN

Russell Lehmann is an award-winning and internationally recognized thought leader, speaker, poet, and advocate contextualizing autism, mental health, disabilities, and the overall human condition.

<https://russl.co/>

**9:45-11:15 AM**

### DR. AMY LAURENT AND DR. JACQUELYN FEDE (AUTISM LEVEL UP!)

An allistic-autistic partnership with the goal of creating accessible resources and tools for the autistic community and helping the world to level up.

<https://www.autismlevelup.com>

**11:30-12:15 PM | PARENT PANEL**

### PARENT PERSPECTIVES: HOW TO INCREASE MEANINGFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL.

**12:15-1 PM | LUNCH**

**1-4 PM • 2 BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### A. THE SOESD TEAM PRESENTS NEURO-AFFIRMING SOCIAL COGNITION STRATEGIES

Amy Szeliga: Considerations for Neuro-Affirming Practices and Gender Inclusive Language

Rowan Hill-Walko: Social Cognition and Library/Resources

Lauren Stewart: Social Cognition Strategies

Darci Mason: Neuro-Affirming IEP Goal Writing

### B. MARA MCLOUGHLIN, MS, CCC-SLP

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