

NHASEA 2026 Annual Winter Conference

**Sheraton Harborside, Portsmouth, NH
March 12 -13, 2026**

Speaker March 12 - 13, 2026



Liesl McConchie
**Educator, Leader,
Learning Specialist and Author**

**Exploring Possibilities
Continuing the Journey of Inclusive Education**

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DAY #1

ALL Students CAN Learn - But They Aren't.

How Leaders Can Support Teachers to Meet the 7 Hidden Needs of All Learners.

We claim ALL students can learn, but the data is painting a very different, and devastating, picture. Recent discoveries in brain research reveal hidden needs for students to feel included rather than marginalized in schools. Inclusion is a central neurobiological need that impacts students' cognitive, physical, and mental health. We will unpack how belonging, hope, high expectations, relationships, and more impact the brain's ability to learn, or not. The focus will be on how leaders can support teachers to meet these needs for students.

Join best-selling author and international brain expert, Liesl McConchie, to discover the brain's seven unconscious needs for ALL students to learn and thrive at school. This ground-breaking insight will fundamentally shift how you design support systems for students.

DAY #2

Using Brain Science to Support Staff Thriving in a Challenging Landscape

Kids learn at an early age how to play the game called school. This session flips the table on the game. What if instead schools learned how to play the game called kids? While each student (and teacher) is unique, we all have shared neurobiology that drives how students show up to learn and how teachers show up to teach. When leaders understand the dominant drivers for teachers, we can create systems to best support their thriving.

This will ultimately create the conditions for teachers to be at their best so they can do their best for the students they work with. This eye-opening session will reveal the three dominant drivers that shape most of our behavior, with tools to support your staff. The day will be filled with ah-ha's, empathy, and ideas for ways to redesign systems that support teachers in brain-compatible ways.



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Type	Price	Timeframe
Early Bird Special	\$400 – 1 day \$545 – 2 days	January 05 – January 09, 2026
Regular Registration	\$425 – 1 day \$570 – 2 days	January 10 – February 27, 2026
Late Registration	\$450 – 1 day \$595 – 2 days	February 28 – March 6, 2026



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