

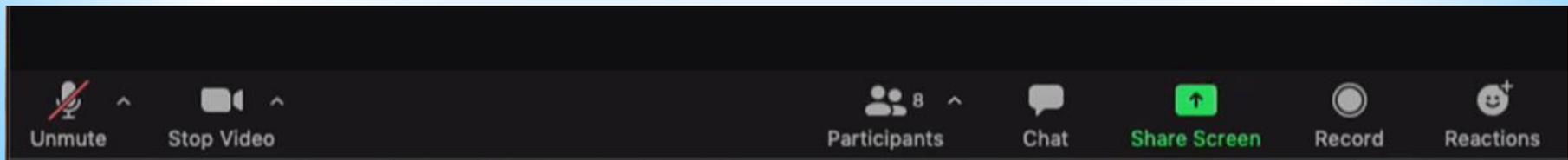
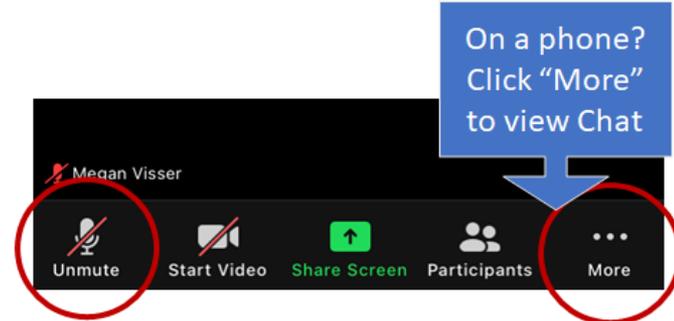


**Conversations  
About  
Transition:  
*Career Paths  
for Students  
with Learning  
Differences***

**January 12, 2021**

# ▶ Best Practices for Zoom

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# Schools for Children's Mission

Schools for Children meets the unique learning needs of students through its schools and programs that value and respect each individual and implement effective approaches for them to learn, grow and achieve.

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## Our Schools and Programs

Dearborn Academy, Lesley Ellis School,  
Seaport Academy, Dearborn STEP Program,  
Winn Brook Extended Learning (WBExL)

# Seaport Academy



Using techniques that are cooperative, hands-on and activity-based, Seaport Academy engages young men in Grades 8-12 in academic and elective subjects. Our experience with the special needs of young men has resulted in a proven program that helps students achieve positive outcomes.

Here, they can excel in math, play on a team, give back through a service project, or step up and be a leader because they are part of a community that values their ideas, participation and achievement.



# Tonight's Transition Experts

- ❑ Eileen Brody Burke, [Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission](#)
- ❑ Ziven Drake, [North Atlantic States Carpenters Training Fund](#)
- ❑ Gennifer Durham, Pre-Employment Specialist, [Bridges from School to Work](#)
- ❑ Thomas Fischer, [North Atlantic States Carpenters Training Fund](#)
- ❑ Chris Hope, CTS, [The Loop Lab](#)

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- ❑ **Moderator:** Elon Fyfield, educator/entrepreneur



*Transforming the lives of young adults with disabilities through the power of a job.*

**400K**

400,000 students with disabilities leave the U.S. public school system each year.<sup>1</sup>

**3X**

Youth with disabilities are 3 times as likely to be unemployed as their peers without disabilities.<sup>2</sup>



**Since 1989, Bridges has worked with more than 24,000 young adults and 5,000 employers in 12 cities across the country.**

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**NASCTF Critical Competencies:**

1. Conscientiousness
2. Agreeableness
3. Physicality
4. Grit





# How Can I Prepare?

- ❑ Establish a work history
- ❑ Join a Pre-Apprenticeship program
- ❑ Expect diversity in teamwork



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# Media Arts and AV

## The Loop Lab





# What Will I learn?



**Trade Skills**

**Leadership Skills**

**Personal and Professional Development**

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# Resources and Services: Mass Rehabilitation Commission and More

[www.mass.gov/mrc-transition-services-for-students-and-youth](http://www.mass.gov/mrc-transition-services-for-students-and-youth)

MRC offers supports around job preparation and exploration for students 14 and older while they are still in high school. MRC works with many community providers to offer pre-employment transition services for students. The goal of these services and supports are to provide you with the skills needed to be successful with employment or further education after high school. As you think about transitioning out of high school, you might thinking of getting a job. By applying for vocational rehabilitation and working with a Counselor you can get connected to a training program, an assessment, assistive technology or even a paid job.

[Video: https://youtu.be/eKCMZ7p1rMA](https://youtu.be/eKCMZ7p1rMA)

# More on Transition Conversations

Please take our *Three-Minute Evaluation!*

<https://tinyurl.com/Dec3WebinarEval>

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