

# 2018

## New York State Middle School Association Conference

### Conference Theme **Middle Level: The Next Generation**

### **Featured Session: Rachel's Challenge**

A national non-profit organization, dedicated to creating safe, connected school environments, where learning and teaching are maximized.

Based on the life and writings of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine tragedy in 1999, Rachel's Challenge provides a sustainable improvement process designed to awaken the learner in every child. We motivate and equip students to generate and support the same ongoing a chain reaction of kindness and compassion that has transformed schools and communities all over the world.



Much more than a one-time assembly program, the Rachel's Challenge *Awaken the Learner Process* provides significant evidence-based/driven improvement processes. Our partner schools achieve critical gains in community engagement, faculty/student relationships, leadership potential, positive school climate, as well as significant reductions in bullying, alcohol/tobacco, and other drug use.

**Can't make the immersive pre-conference session?  
Join us Friday for one of two feature presentations.**

### **WHEN**

Thursday,  
October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### **WHERE**

Vernon Downs Resort  
And Casino, Vernon, NY

### **REGISTER**

Online at:  
[www.nysmsa.org](http://www.nysmsa.org)

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*We are committed to creating, promoting, and  
supporting effective middle-level programs  
that are academically rigorous and  
developmentally responsive.*

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