



## Winter 2020 News

- **Speaker Series Continues - *Taming Admissions Anxiety***
- **College Fair at SHS**
- **Collaboration with WPI for STEAM**

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### Speaker Series Continues

Join us Tuesday, March 31 for the second in our three part speaker series.

Richard Weissbourd, noted psychologist and senior lecturer in education at Harvard Graduate School of Education, will discuss the weight of college pressure that students - and parents - feel today. He will suggest ways we can turn down that pressure and help students make choices that will make them their happiest, and ultimately most successful, selves.

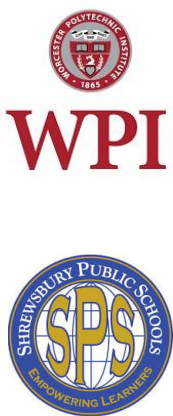
Visit the **Colonial Fund website** for more information about Richard Weissbourd and for a link to his article on this topic.



**Richard Weissbourd**

*Taming Admissions Anxiety*  
Tuesday, March 31  
7:00 pm  
Shrewsbury High School

Get here early for the College Fair! On Tuesday, March 31 at 5:30 pm, before Richard Weissbourd, SHS will be hosting a **college fair in the Shrewsbury High School Commons**. Come talk to admissions counselors from schools that want SHS graduates! A list of participating schools will be posted to the Colonial Fund website in early March.



### Exciting Collaboration

We constantly strive to do more, to do better and to work with partners who can support this work. This fall, Shrewsbury Public Schools started a partnership with Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) to develop a district vision for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) education in Shrewsbury.

A district-wide workgroup of school leaders and educators from all levels (elementary, middle and high school) will work with **WPI's STEM Education Center** over two years to help us determine how Shrewsbury moves from defining our strategic goal of “Connected Learning for a Complex World” to implementing new approaches to teaching and learning in Shrewsbury.

Together, this group will cover topics that include:

- A review of successful STEM integration models;
- Information about the expertise desired by STEM businesses and institutions of higher education
- A process for developing STEM goals and outcomes;
- STEM curricula and technology resources;
- STEM funding opportunities;
- Challenges and successes in implementing a STEM/STEAM program
- The development of a strategic plan for STEM/STEAM integration

We're excited to see where this work will take our district. Stay tuned for more information in the future.

**Please make your gift today and help the Colonial Fund and Shrewsbury Public Schools continue our important work.**

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