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Presents

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Spring 2014 Conference
May 2, 2014
Bath, Michigan
This session will provide an up-to-date overview of current and future activities that are designed to support moving all statewide assessment programs online. This is important in order to have as many schools as possible ready to administer the online tests in spring 2015.

Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, MDE will be requiring all schools to submit an evaluation of one of their strategies, programs, or initiatives. This presentation will review the MDE Program Evaluation tool as well as describe a planning process that will increase the chances of successful implementation and evaluation.

Craig Ruff, a special advisor for education to Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, will address current educational issues and provide his thoughts of where the Governor plans on taking education in the future. As a member of the governor’s executive office, Mr. Ruff will also share current legislative policies that are being debated around Lansing. Mr. Ruff’s experienced political background and the daily interactions of his current work in Lansing, should promote an interactive discussion that is sure to be of interest for most educators.

Paul will provide updates on CEPI data collections, reports, and the MI School Data portal site. Emphasis will be on updated reports on the MI School Data site and future plans.

Dr. Frank will share what was learned from a study that looked at how intra-organizational networks affect the implementation of policies and practices in organizations. Attention was paid to the role of the informal subgroup or clique in cultivating and distributing locally adapted and integrated knowledge, or know-how. Findings from the study may help leaders in cultivating know-how flows that can contribute to organizational change.

Three students from Michigan State University and the University of Michigan will be sharing findings from recent research papers they wrote. The students and the titles of their respective papers are provided below.

1. Max Altman—“What students are facing now…”: An investigation into teachers’ understandings of context
2. Elizabeth Covay Minor—Teacher Mobility and Contextual Factors: The Case of Michigan High Schools
3. Guan Saw—The Impact of Being Labeled as a Persistently Lowest Achieving School: Regression Discontinuity Evidence on School Sanctions

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