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Presents

Info, Updates and
Looking Down the
Road a Bit in the
State of Michigan



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Spring 2018 Conference

May 4, 2018

Bath, Michigan

Program Information

Friday May 4, 2018

8:45—9:30 A.M. Leah Breen



The Michigan Department of Education will discuss current Educator initiatives intended to help Michigan become a Top 10 state in 10 years. The initiatives span the educator pipeline and focus on recruitment, preparation, certification, placement retention, evaluation and recognition.

9:45—11:45 A.M. Ken Frank & Kaitlin Obenauf



Ken will share his research on social capital and how it can positively advance teacher impact on reform and school culture. He suggests that schools can build social capital through a framework of "Balancing Voices" among key stakeholders (teachers, administrators and community) during decision-making about

reforms and personnel. In randomized experiments in laboratory settings the framework contributes to a sense of fairness in decision-making that relates to social capital. Thus, adopting the framework can contribute to a positive organizational culture and sustained implementation of innovations.



Kaitlin will follow Dr. Frank's session with a presentation on how teachers are turning to social media (Pinterest) to connect with other teachers for the purpose of meeting the academic needs of their students. Kaitlin will explore multiple facets of

utilizing online educational resources while incorporating worthwhile discoveries into the classroom environment.

11:45—12:30 P.M. Lunch

12:30 —1:00 P.M. Andrew Middlestead

Andy will present on the progress of this years assessments, as well as provide updates to any changes that may be coming in the fall.

1:00—1:30 P.M. David Judd

Dave will discuss ongoing work at MDE in the data and systems area. He will also highlight some of the MDE projects that are utilizing and benefiting from the Michigan Data Hub.

1:45—2:15 P.M. Kelsey Heckert

MiSchoolData kicks off 2018 focused on the reimagining of MiSchoolData as the State of Michigan's education portal. The presentation will cover recent efforts like the Parent Dashboard for School Transparency and statewide modernizations and later preview what's to come with a major site redesign to improve usability and package our data into stories.

2:15—3:00 P.M. Christopher Janzer & Chad Bailey

Chris and Chad will provide a brief refresher of the new accountability index followed by some discussion of the 2016-17 results. We will also discuss how growth information is calculated and used in the new accountability system.

3:00—3:45 P.M. David Treder

Finally, Dave will share his analysis regarding the Michigan School Accountability Index that will unveil a number of interesting tidbits that may have you talking to yourself on your ride home.

3:45—4:00 P.M. Conference Raffle Drawing

Multiple prizes available for those with winning raffle tickets.

Registration/Conference Information

Directions for On-line Registration:

1. Go to <https://catalog.geneseeisid.org>
2. Click on Education and Learning
3. Select "MERA Spring Conference 2018"
4. Click on session details
5. Click to "enroll"
6. Follow the registration instructions to complete your registration! (If you would like SCECHs and/or a vegetarian meal, please indicate that in the "Special Needs/Comments/Requests" field.)
7. A confirmation of registration will be sent via email
8. If you have any questions regarding registrations, please contact Jim Gullen at: jgullen@michiganassessmentconsortium.org
9. Please register by Monday, April 30, 2018.

**Advanced on-line registration is encouraged, but day of registrations, at the conference, will be accepted.*

Conference Cost: (Select one)

- \$75.00 Registration Fee
- \$50.00 Retiree or Student Registration

Conference Location:

Eagle Eye Conference Center

15500 Chandler Road

Bath, Michigan, 48808

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