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Presents

Identifying and
Answering Key
Questions About
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Spring 2019 Conference

April 29, 2019

Lansing, Michigan

Program Information

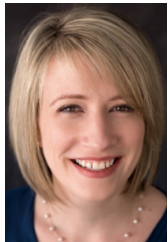
Monday, April 29, 2019



8:50—9:50 A.M.

Katharine Strunk

Katharine will share her research on school and district turnarounds and discuss implications for Michigan's Partnership District Model of school and district reform. Her work and that of others suggests that several factors impact the efficacy and implementation of turnaround reforms, including the model chosen, how issues related to staffing are addressed, the role of planning and capacity building, and autonomy.



9:55—10:30 A.M.

Emily Laidlaw

Emily is the newly appointed policy director and education advisor to Michigan's Governor Gretchen Whitmer. Her role is to advise the governor on education issues. Emily will spend some of her presentation time framing the thinking of the governor and her Executive Office Team around significant current and future educational topics that impact the state of Michigan. She will leave some time to respond to questions from the audience.

10:45—11:30 A.M.

Paul Stemmer

How has Michigan Achievement on NAEP changed over the last decade? What factors contribute to this change? What can be done about it?

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- *Conference Questions/Information: David Treder (810) 591-4971 or dtreder@geneseeis.org*



11:30 —12:15 P.M.

Judith Pritchett

There will be an update on the selection process for a State Superintendent along with current initiatives and goals of the State Board of Education.

12:15—1:00 P.M. Lunch

1:00—3:00 P.M.

Andrew Middlestead & MDE Colleagues

Andy and team members from MDE's Office of Educational Assessment & Accountability (OEAA) will be spending a good portion of the afternoon addressing general topics such as: assessment, "Read by Grade 3 (RBG3)" and accountability. Updated information, outcome related data and futuristic departmental thinking will be shared with participants along with ample time for questions and responses from the team.

3:00—3:30 P.M.

Cheryl Twichell

MI School Data kicks off 2019 focused on the ongoing reimagining of MI School Data as the State of Michigan's education portal. This presentation will cover recent updates, previews of upcoming reports and data releases, sitewide modernizations, along with a high-level discussion of the site redesign project.

3:30—3:45 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.geneseeis.org/Catalog/Details/821>
2. Click either Register (New) or Log in (Established)
3. Click on Education and Learning window
4. Select "MERA Spring Conference 2019"
5. Click on session details
6. Click to "enroll"
7. 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.)
8. A confirmation of registration will be sent via email
9. If you have any questions regarding registrations, please contact Jim Gullen at: jgullen@michiganassessmentconsortium.org
10. Please register by Monday, April 22, 2019.

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

Conference Cost: (Select one)

- \$80.00 Registration Fee
- \$50.00 Retiree or Student Registration

Conference Location:

Lansing Community College West Campus
5708 Cornerstone Drive
Lansing, Michigan 48917