

## **Executive Director's Corner**

Dear MANS Administrators,

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at MANS Public Policy Day on March 8th. There are several critical issues that will be impacted by your voice with the legislature. If you have not registered yet, please take the time to register today.

On a more somber note, no words are adequate to express how students, parents or educators must feel these days following the tragedy in Florida this past week. Everyone seems to be grasping for answers to the incomprehensible. There would appear to be a disconnect between policymakers and those that they represent with respect to school safety and the value of human life. What is certain is that action is needed to prevent senseless tragedies like this from ever happening again. This is another opportunity for you and your school community to make your voices heard in Congress and with the state legislature. Do not let the moment pass you by.

Sincerely,

Brian & Broderick

MANS Executive Director



Join with more than 150 non-public school administrators from across the state for a day of interaction with policy makers in Lansing. The morning session will consist of legislative meetings where participants will be able to engage with their legislators on several budget issues impacting faithbased schools including shared time, robotics grants and mandate reimbursements. The afternoon will include speakers on a variety of issues impacting non-public schools. All the major candidates for Governor have been invited to address participants.

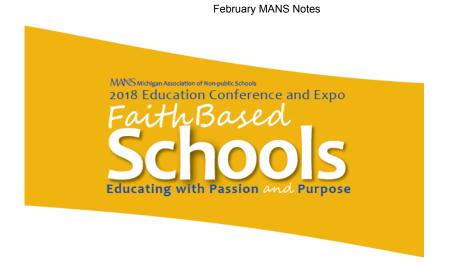
Registration is \$80.00 for MANS members and \$110 for those who are not yet members. Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch and parking in the Ottawa Street Ramp. Click <u>here</u> to register.

## Knowing Students Most Excellently: A Neurodevelopment Framework for Learning April 10, 2018 - Flint, Michigan

Do you desire to better understand your students' learning strengths and struggles? Gain an understanding of the neurodevelopment framework



and how learning can breakdown for struggling student. This CLC Network training will be on April 10 at St. John Vianney Catholic School (Flint). State of Michigan SCECHs are available! Learn more and register: www.clcnetwork.org/flint.



# October 18-19, 2018 Amway and DeVos Place - Grand Rapids, Michigan

The MANS Education Conference and Expo brings together school leaders, teachers and staff from member schools across the state. Enjoy two days of professional development, sharing with colleagues, and the unique opportunity for fellowship with the Catholic, Lutheran Schools - Missouri Synod and Christian Schools International communities in Michigan. Don't miss this important opportunity to gather with other faith-based educators with a commitment to Christian mission and excellence in education.

Join us for keynote and featured speakers, more than 100 sectionals, exhibit hall, special offsite educational excursions, 5K Run/Walk, and so much more. State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) will be available.

Registration opens in April 2018. For information about hotel rooms, a tentative agenda and more, click <u>here</u>.

# MANS 2018 Call for Presenters

# There is still time to submit your presentation for the 2018 MANS Education Conference and Expo!

While networking, fellowship, the expo and keynote speakers rank highly among reasons for attending the MANS Education Conference and Expo, quality programming is the foundation of our conference. We invite you to propose a session(s), that help us create a robust and well-balanced program focusing on topics that MANS member educators value and require in their professional roles.

You can submit your presentation easily using our online submission form.



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Public Policy Day	March 8, 2018
Knowing Students Most Excellently: A Neurodevelopment Framework for Learning	April 10, 2018
Mandate Reimbursement Webinar	April 12, 2018
Law Seminar	June 26, 2018
<b>Creating Pathways Toward School Success:</b> A School Administrative Assistant Professional Development Opportunity	August 2, 2018
Education Conference and Expo	October 18-19, 201

# **State and Federal News**

#### State News

#### Michigan Department of Education Equitable Service Training

The Michigan Department of Education is conducting an Equitable Service Consultation Training for Non-public Schools and Local Education Agencies (LEAs). This two-hour training will review the consultation process and preparation regarding equitable services; the role of the ombudsman; and information on Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A allowable services. Time will be provided for public and private schools to start the consultation process for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Michigan Department of Education will be coming to a location near you. Below are dates, times and location for each training. Click <u>here</u> to register.

Date:	Time:	Location:
March 5, 2018	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m	Wayne RESA
March 6, 2018	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m	Wayne County Community College
March 20, 2018	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m	Diocese of Gaylord
March 21, 2018	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m	Marquette/Alger ISD
March 23, 2018	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m	Saginaw ISD

#### **MI HEARTSafe School Application**

The Michigan Department of Education has partnered with other State Departments and organizations to develop an award for Michigan schools. The MI HEARTSafe School program encourages schools to prepare and protect students, staff, and visitors in the event of a cardiac emergency. For more information, click <u>here</u>.

### **Counting Instructional Time When Lunch Is Served**

The Michigan Department of Education released a memorandum stating that schools are able to count instructional time on partial days even when students are served lunch during an instructional period under certain circumstances. Click <u>here</u> to read the full memorandum.

#### **Federal News**

## **Federal 529 Plan Fact Sheet**

The Federal Tax Reform expanded the use of the 529 savings plan to include the tuition expenses for K-12 education. The American Federation for Children, EdChoice and ExcelinED have created a fact sheet on the state of the 529 laws in states across the country. Click <u>here</u> to view the fact sheet.

# Professional Development Opportunities

# Michigan Science Teachers Association Annual Conference - March 2-3, 2018 - Lansing, Michigan

The Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA) is hosting it's 65th Annual Conference at the Lansing Center. Topics include STEM, Next Generation Science Standards and so much more. For more information and to register, click <u>here</u>.

#### **Education Week Webinars**

Did you know Education Week hosts free webinars focused on pre-k-12 education? Topics include, "Empowering Teachers, Engaging Students" presented by Alan November, "Develop Your Teachers Into Literacy Experts" and so much more. Register for an upcoming webinar or browse through the on-demand webinars. Click <u>here</u> to find the list of webinars.

# **Fund Development Opportunities**

# **Meemic Traditional Grant**

The Meemic Foundation Traditional Grant invites all Foundation Club members to apply for their Traditional Grant. This grant of up to \$500 can help fund a special project in your classroom or school. Applications are being accepted until March 30, 2018. For more information, click <u>here</u>.



The Meemic Foundation

## Meemic Masterpieces: Art Contest & Grant Opportunity

The Meemic Foundation invites Meemic Foundation Club Members and their students to participate in their Student Art Contest. Up to 50 artworks will be selected. The student artist will receive a Chromebook and an invitation to the recognition ceremony. The Foundation Club member of the winning student will receive \$300 in an art supplies grant. Artwork must reflect one of the following themes:

- Kindness to Others
- Diversity
- Anti-bullying

Submissions are being accepted until March 30, 2018. For more information, click <u>here</u>.

# **Business Partner Corner**

#### **Michigan Virtual**

Using shared-time services, Michigan Virtual, Brighton Area Schools and South Redford School District are providing online learning courses to private school students in art, computers/technology, world languages, music and physical education. Learn more: <u>michiganvirtual.org/shared-time</u>

Michigan Virtual online courses are open for second-semester enrollment through February 16.

Learn more: michiganvirtual.org/students/courses/



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