

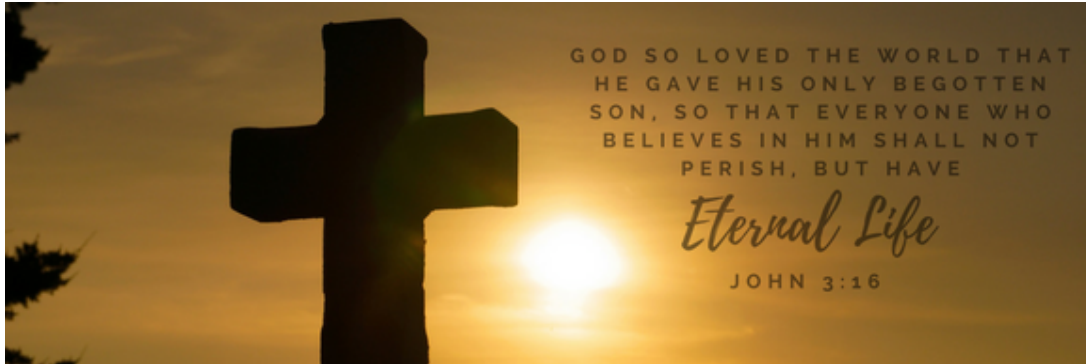

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# MANS

March 2018

## MANS NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.



### Executive Director's Corner

Dear MANS Administrators,

Recently, I attended the national gathering of the [Council for American Private Education \(CAPE\)](#) in Washington, D.C. This is a unique and powerful gathering of leaders from state CAPE organizations (MANS serves as the MI CAPE) and the national CAPE Board, which includes the governing bodies of faith-based, private and independent schools. We shared ideas, challenges and important trends that are happening all across the country. For a national perspective on private K-12 education check out the [CAPE Outlook](#).

MANS had a great turnout for Public Policy Day. Over 80 MANS administrators pounded the pavement in Lansing visiting legislators and advocating for their schools on such issues as shared time funding, health and safety mandate reimbursements and Robotics funding. Later in the day they heard from several candidates for Governor, Senator Phil Pavlov (Chair of the Senate Education Committee) and MDE representatives discussing policy issues that impact nonpublic schools. It was a full and dynamic day.

MANS Law Day is scheduled for June 26th in Lansing. This has been a consistently well-attended and informative half-day session for MANS administrators on legal issues that confront schools. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Registration information will be out soon.

Thank you for your support and commitment to faith-based education.

Sincerely,



MANS Executive Director

## Upcoming Events

### 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 students. Learn more and register: [www.clcnetwork.org/flint](http://www.clcnetwork.org/flint).

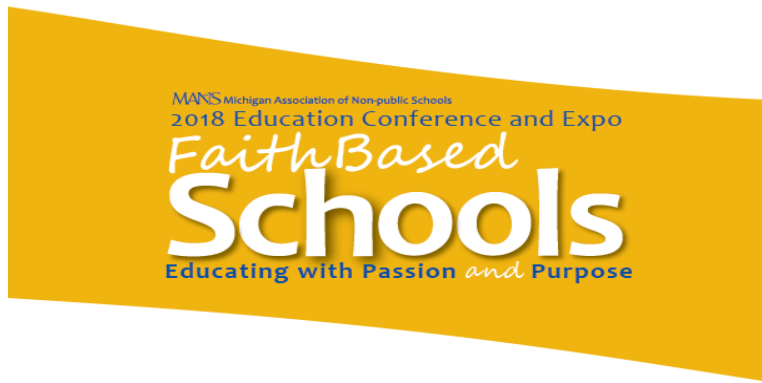


### Mandate Reimbursement Webinar - April 12, 2018

Brian Broderick and Paul Stankewitz, from the Michigan Catholic Conference, will walk through the steps for completing and submitting your mandate reimbursement requests to the Michigan Department of Education. Register by clicking [here](#).



A conference designed to meet the professional development needs for school administrative assistants. Join your colleagues from non-public schools across the state for a day of learning and networking at the Bengal Wildlife Center. For more information and to register, click [here](#).



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

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.

Registration opens in April 2018. For information about hotel rooms, a tentative agenda and more, click [here](#).

## Save the Date

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

## MNSAA

Volunteers are needed to review the 2017-2018 MNSAA Annual Reports. Reviewers will join us in Lansing on **July 10-11, 2018** to read and discuss a selection of annual reports from MNSAA schools across the state. This is an excellent development opportunity for schools preparing for a visit and for those interested in serving on site visit teams. Please complete this [brief survey](#) to indicate your availability. We look forward to hosting you in July.



## State Continuing Education Clock Hours

MANS is your approved sponsor for State Continuing Education Clock Hours. SCECHs are available for state approved in-service, mentoring, service on accreditation teams and participation on school committees. Visit our [website](#) for complete SCECH information.

## MANS Summer Intern Opportunity

MANS is seeking applicants for its Summer Intern Program in 2018. The intern will serve as a professional staff member of MANS from mid-May to mid-August and report directly to the Executive Director. The intern will work in a collaborative manner with the Executive Director, Director of Constituency Services, Program Associate and Administrative Assistant on projects that



provide services and resources to enhance our member schools as well as influence the standard of education for all children in the state of Michigan. [Learn More.](#)

## State and Federal News

### State News

#### Michigan Department of Education Communications

Would you like to receive regular updates from the Michigan Department of Education? Sign up to receive the latest information on educator certification, education technology, MDE Official Communications and so much more. Click [here](#) to sign up.

## Michigan's Sports Concussion Law

In October 2017 Michigan's law regulating sports concussions and return to playing was amended via Public Act 137 of 2017. The change to Michigan's Sports Concussion Law requires all coaches, employees, volunteers, and other adults involved with youth athletics to complete an online training program every three years. [Learn More](#).

## Federal News

### Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Do you know a teacher who excels teaching mathematics or science instruction in grades Kindergarten through sixth grade? Take time to nominate them for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. [Learn More](#).

### President's Education Awards Program

The President's Education Awards Program recognizes the hard work and achievements of graduating elementary, middle and high school students. Non-public school students are eligible for this award. Learn more about qualifications by clicking [here](#).

## Professional Development Opportunities

### Michigan AfterSchool Association Spring Conference - May 18, 2018 Frankenmuth, Michigan

The Michigan AfterSchool Association (MAA) is hosting their annual Spring Conference. Connect with more than 200 after school programs in the state of Michigan and learn new ideas and access valuable resources. [Learn more](#)

### Healthy Classrooms, Healthy Kids - June 19 - 20, 2018 Grand Rapids, Michigan

Join other preschool through third grade teachers and home care providers for a **FREE** workshop and learn ways to improve the health of your students and your school environment. Topics include: Social Emotional Health, Physical Activity and Nutrition, Bullying and Cyber Safety and more. [Learn more](#)

### REMC Association Virtual Courses

REMC Association is offering free virtual professional development. Topics include: Open Education Resources, Google Apps, Literacy and Technology, Social Media and more. [Learn more](#)

## Fund Development Opportunities

### Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) Grant

Are you a MACUL Member? If so, apply for a grant up to \$1,500.00 for your school. The deadline to submit is Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

[Learn More](#)

### MISS Dig 811 - The Energy Safe Kids Poster and Video Contest

*Energy Safe Kids* is hosting a poster and video contest. The theme, "Know what's below, Call 811 before you dig", should be the focus of all submissions. Prizes available for both students and teachers.

[Learn more.](#)

## Business Partner Corner

### Michigan Virtual

Michigan ranks 41st among U.S. states in 4th-grade reading scores, and less than 50 percent of our state's 3rd graders are proficient readers. As part of the GELN's Early Literacy Task Force, Michigan Virtual has begun creating free online training modules on literacy essentials. Three of these modules are now available for enrollment, with more coming soon. Upon completing each module, instructors can receive up to five SCECHs at no cost.

Learn more: [literacyessentials.org](http://literacyessentials.org)



### Virtue in Media

Virtue in Media is the first-ever, faith-based digital citizenship curriculum. Plug-and-play, streaming content in >30 bite-sized videos. Written by a former youth pastor. Edited by a Canon Lawyer. Satisfies IT standards. MANS

members, take advantage of special launch pricing by using coupon code launch20 by April 15. Visit today at: [www.virtueinmedia.com](http://www.virtueinmedia.com)



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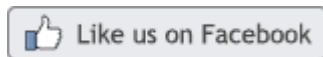
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