

## September 2018 MANS Notes



“Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others”

Colossians 3:23

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### Executive Corner

Dear MANS Member Schools, Staff, Colleagues, and Friends:

We are gearing up for the *2018 MANS Education Conference and Expo: Educating with Passion and Purpose*. This is a time for us to celebrate with nearly two thousand faith-based educators who will come together to share the mission God has given us - to grow and educate His disciples. The MANS staff and planning committee look forward to celebrating all the wonderful things that make faith-based education unique and so vitally important in this world. We hope to see you in Grand Rapids on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Michigan Equitable Service Collaborative (MESCC) has recently launched registration for a number of the professional development events covered under statewide Title IIA funding.

Each of these opportunities is offered at a substantial discount. Non-public schools will also soon have access to grant funds to address professional development needs. Applicants must provide data showing need and develop a plan for addressing the need. Funds can be used through the summer of 2019. Please take advantage of these new opportunities available to non-public schools.

Sincerely,



MANS Executive Director

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## Advocacy

Federal News

## National Cyber Defense Competition

Registration for the National Cyber Defense Competition for CyberPatriot teams is now open, but will close on October 3. Cybersecurity Competition Event Grants can be used to help teams participate in the challenges by providing funds for teams ability to participate in the events. For more information regarding the CyberPatriot National Cyber Defense Competition

[Learn More](#)

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## National School Choice Week Supplies

The Michigan Association of Non-public Schools is pleased to be partnering with the **National School Choice** network for its 2018 advocacy efforts. National School Choice Week 2019 is January 20-26, 2019 and the National School Choice Week wants to help your school participate! National School Choice Week is providing a FREE box of supplies to interested MANS member schools. The box will include yellow fleece scarves, lapel stickers, poster, placard, and more! All designed to show your support for school choice.

If you would like to receive your free box of National School Choice Week supplies, please provide your contact info in the survey below.

[Register for Free Supplies](#)

## State News

### Food Service Administrative Memos

The Food Service Administration has released a number of memos at the beginning of the school year regarding the National School Lunch Program and National Breakfast Program.

- [Certification Requirements for National School Lunch Program and National Breakfast Program](#)
  - [National School Lunch Program Claim Submission](#)
  - [Meal, Snack, and Milk Reimbursement Rates](#)
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## Immunization Requirements

Since 1978, Michigan law requires that each student possess a certificate of immunization at the time of registration (or no later than the first day of school) for entry into kindergarten, 7th grade, or into a new school district involving grades 1-12. As of August 1, 2018, the Michigan Care Improvement Registry School Immunization Reporting System (MCIR SIRS) module will have in place a new checkbox for recording when a parent does not give permission for the school to share SIRS entered data for their child.

[Learn More](#)

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## Event Invitation: Aligning K-12 and Higher Education Expectations for New Teachers

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) invites you to join the Regional Educational Laboratory Midwest and the MDE on October 23, 2018 for an event focused on aligning K-12 and educator preparation expectations for new teachers.

[Learn More](#)

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## **Educator Effectiveness Ratings Data Appeals Information**

An Educator Effectiveness Ratings Data Appeals window will be opening this year from September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The Data Appeals Window will allow authorized personnel to make updates to inaccurate ratings from the five most recent years in the Registry of Educational Personnel (REP).

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## **In-demand Occupations**

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) invites you to review and share with your pupils the most recent analysis of in-demand occupations in the state and in your region. This information is submitted in accordance with Section 1278 of Public Act 451 of 1976, as amended.

[Learn More](#)

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## **MiSTEM Advisory Council Grant Application**

In the 2018 School Aid Act, \$3,050,000 is provided to fund grants recommended by the MiSTEM Advisory Council for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs in Michigan. Selected programs must be in the STEMworks database.

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## **List of Available Grants**

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has compiled a list of state grants and contracts available from MDE during the 2018-2019 state fiscal year.

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## **MDE Organizational Directory**

An MDE Organizational Directory has been developed to reflect the re-organization. It is arranged by Deputy and Office, with a brief description of the work and programs in each office. It is an easy-to-read, and handy, reference for school districts.

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## **Algebra Nation**

Algebra Nation, a highly-effective supplemental resource for Algebra 1 (and now Geometry), is available at no cost to Michigan districts, schools, teachers, parents, or students. Aligned to the Michigan Mathematics Standards by professors at Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University, and the University of Michigan-Flint, Algebra Nation is customized to help Michigan students succeed in Algebra 1 and beyond.

[Learn More](#)

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## The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is looking for Michigan's top youth volunteers of 2019. Students in grades 5-12 are invited to apply for 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards if they have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service within the past 12 months.

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## Professional Development

### MANS Upcoming Events

#### MANS Education Conference and Expo October 18-19, 2018 - Grand Rapids

**Registration is still open!** Make registration planning simpler for you and your staff with this helpful **worksheet**. Pre-order a boxed lunch or visit the concession stand in DeVos for lunch because you don't want to miss the expo while out searching for lunch.



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### Additional Conference Opportunities

**ArtPraise:** This wonderful opportunity will allow students to showcase their artistic talents in a large venue and compete for prizes for the top three winners. Art will be showcased at exhibitor booths through the expo hall and participants will vote for their favorites. Winners will be announced during the Friday lunch session. For more information and submission forms, [click here](#).

**Photo Competition:** Schools interested in participating are asked to submit a photo that answers the question, '*What makes faith-based education unique?*' Your school's photo could be seen by all attendees at the conference scrolling before the keynote presentation. Winners will receive a complimentary registration to MANS 2019 Public Policy Day. Please note that MANS will use the photos for promotional materials and on its website. Photo submissions can be sent to [Molly Koll](#).

**Stream into STREAM:** On Thursday attendees will walk along the STREAM and catch sight of the Grand River in the Exhibit Hall as they engage in scientifically explorative sessions, allowing them to enter the dynamic realm of STREAM. Featuring a compilation of music, student art work, and fifteen minute spark sessions from Van Andel Education Institute and others, STREAM into STREAM will enable participants to stop, sit, and stream into captivating topics while enjoying the many exhibits.

**Stakeholder Day:** Invite your school's stakeholders (board members, pastors, and parent volunteers) for a day of learning and networking with their peers across Michigan. [Click here](#)

**\*\*Barbara Stork Memorial 5K Run/Walk:** After Thursday's indoor sessions enjoy a run or walk along the beautiful Grand Rapids downtown riverfront area. From the DeVos Place to the Blue Bridge and back, the Barbara Stork 5K Run/Walk, hosted by FACTS RenWeb, will reinvigorate conference participants. Proceeds benefit the MANS Social Justice Grant in memory of Barbara Stork. All participants will receive a T-shirt and

refreshments after the run. Cost to participate is \$15.00. 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

**\*\*Amazing GRace:** Beginning at 6:00 p.m. Thursday evening, visit a variety of downtown Grand Rapids establishments. Get a “passport” and have it stamped at each establishment. At 9:00 p.m., bring your passport back to the Amway for the afterglow. A drawing will be held for valuable prizes including a 2020 conference admission.

**\*\*Meijer Gardens Tour:** Enjoy a docent guided tour of Meijer Gardens, followed by a tram tour of the grounds, ending with time spent in the Japanese Garden.

**\*\*Ford Museum Education Excursion:** Participate in a viewing and discussion of the documentary “Black and Blue: the Story of Gerald Ford, Willis Ward and the 1934 U of M v Georgia Tech Football Game.” Following, enjoy a guided tour of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, and then participate in the Unlock the Character Code: Gerald R. Ford Breakout Game, and learn the benefits of breakout games in the classroom setting.

**\*\*Van Andel Education Institute Excursion:** Think and Act Like a Scientist with Van Andel Education Institute. Experience an inquiry-based investigation from the perspective of a student, and discover strategies to implement inquiry in your classroom. Tour the Van Andel Research Institute and visit with a scientist to learn more about the practical application of science and research in a laboratory setting.

\*\* Pre-registration is required for these conference events. If you have already registered for the conference and are interested in adding any of these options to your registration, [click here](#) to log back into your registration and click edit registration.

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## Professional Learning Opportunities

The Michigan Association of Non-public Schools has compiled a list of upcoming professional learning opportunities for non-public schools that includes MANS events along with events provided through the Michigan Equitable Service Collaborative (MESCC). Keep an eye out for the Michigan Equitable Service Collaborative Newsletter being sent soon to Michigan non-public schools. Thanks to Title IIA resources, some opportunities offered are discounted by up to 75%.

[Learn More](#)

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## Additional Professional Development

### NWEA - Applying Reports

Gather with other non-public school educators for a day of learning ways to apply your NWEA reports to student growth. You will learn how to:

- Access, interpret, and apply key MAPS Growth reports used by teachers and instructional coaches.
- Meet individual student's needs by identifying targeted instructional groups based on MAP Growth goal area data.
- Boost differentiation efforts by connecting groups of students to skills in the Learning Continuum.

Choose from one of the three locations across Michigan where the Michigan Equitable Service Collaborative will be hosting this discounted professional development event.

- **November 6, 2018 - Grand Rapids, Michigan**
- **November 7, 2018 - Mount Pleasant, Michigan**
- **November 8, 2018 - Brighton, Michigan**

Event registration is \$25.00 and includes lunch. This is a 75% off the regular NWEA

training price.

[Click Here to Register](#)

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## Van Andel Education Institute - Sustained Training

The Michigan Equitable Service Collaborative is excited to partner with the Van Andel Education Institute to offer a sustained professional development event for science teachers in grades Kindergarten through 12th.

This two year training will offer teachers:

- An interactive opportunity to experience an investigation that models inquiry-based science.
- Strategies for successfully incorporating a process of scientific inquiry as well as a classroom culture of thinking and collaboration.
- Access to VAEI lessons aligned to standards and ready for implementation and customization.
- Easy-to-implement strategies that support the processes of scientific inquiry and engineering design, scientific habits of mind, and a rich, collaborative learning environment.
- Development of a portfolio to support inquiry-based science learning.
- Support in implementation throughout the year with individualized action plans and frequent feedback loops.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Van Andel Education Institute Sustained Training.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the year one workshops.

Register for the Kindergarten through 2nd grade training: [click here](#)

Register for the 3rd - 5th grade training: [click here](#)

Register for the 6th - 8th grade training: [click here](#)

Register for the 9th - 12th grade training: [click here](#)

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## Michigan Google Education Summit November 6, 2018 - Freeland High School MESC Discount Available for non-public schools - 75% off!

Attend this two day conference organized and run by Michigan educators, featuring unique application of Google tools in the classroom including Chromebooks, Google Drive, Blogger, Maps, and more! The MESC will subsidize the cost for you to be inspired to use the technology you already have to promote student engagement and success if you use the code "mesc-18" upon registering.



[Learn More](#)

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## Community Conversation on Bullying October 26, 2018 - Waterford, Michigan

Meemic is partnering with Defeat the Label to host the community Conversation on Bullying. Meemic has offered to cover the cost of 25 MANS member educators and administrators to attend the conference on Friday, October 26, 2018 at Oakland Schools in Waterford, Michigan. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail [Shelley Long](#) by



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## Innovative Solutions

### State Continuing Education Clock Hours

As of September 7, 2018, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has made significant changes to SCECH program requirements. These changes and forms are below, and the new forms are posted on our website.

[Learn More](#)

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### Oakland County Science and Nature Education Programs

Oakland County Parks and Recreation invites you to **subscribe online** to receive information about their nature programs and other areas of interest. Wint Nature Center (Clarkston) and Red Oaks Nature Center (Madison Heights) feature trained naturalists who can tailor a field trip for school groups or bring nature to your door, offering programs for students preschool through high school-age. Nature Center programs meet numerous Michigan Department of Education Science Standards K-12, and make ideal hands-on experiences for students. Additionally, the nature centers offer badge day programs which fulfill all the requirements for scout badges. Programs can be tailored to meet specific needs.

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## Business Partner Corner

### Michigan Virtual

#### Personalize Student Learning in Math & English Language Arts

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[Learn more](#)

**Online STEM.org certification now available for Michigan educators**

Michigan Virtual is partnering with STEM.org to provide an online version of the world's leading STEM education certification. Through this program, educators gain insights on the latest trends in STEM education and access to over 1,000 pages of innovative and customizable K-12 STEM lessons. To kick off our new partnership, we are offering Michigan educators over a 30 percent discount on this certification.

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## Build Teacher & Leadership Capacity with Professional Development

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