



*"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*  
*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

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### Executive Corner

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

The next few weeks are critically important for MANS' legislative outreach efforts. The beginning of the year will bring a number of new legislators to Lansing and with the many issues impacting non-public schools in the legislature it is important that we start to make relationships with those that will represent us in Lansing. Last week an email was sent to all MANS member administrators asking them to reach out and congratulate their newly elected legislators. If you have done so already, we thank you. If not, please take a moment to personalize the **form letter** and send it to your legislators.

**Now** is a perfect time to invite your newly elected senator and representative to visit your school. Each of our schools have a unique story to share and it is important that legislators know the impact MANS member schools have on the community. Continue to share important events with them throughout the year. Invite them to come celebrate Catholic Schools Week, Lutheran Schools Week, School Choice Week and March is Reading Month at your school. All these small interactions will make a difference come **MANS Public Policy Day (March 14, 2019 in Lansing, Michigan)** when we advocate for non-public schools in Lansing.

This past month we kicked off the Michigan Equitable Service Collaborative with NWEA Applying Reports and Chromebook Classrooms. These professional development events are offered exclusively to non-public schools at a discounted rate and are funded with Title Ila funds. The Michigan Equitable Service Collaborative is organized and staffed by MANS. Make sure you take a look at some of the upcoming MESC Events listed below and take advantage of these quality professional development events around the state of Michigan.

We wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving. May you enjoy this time with family and friends. Please know how thankful we are for all your hard work as faith-based administrators.

Blessings,

Sincerely,

## 2018 MANS Education Conference and Expo

### We value your feedback!

If you haven't already completed the 2018 MANS Education Conference and Expo survey, please take a moment to tell us what you liked and what you would like to see changed for 2020.

[Click here](#) to complete the conference survey.



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## Advocacy

### Federal News

#### National School Choice Week

MANS is pleased to be partnering with the **National School Choice** network for its 2019 advocacy efforts. Join us in celebrating educational innovation and opportunity in Michigan on **Wednesday, January 23, 2019** at the Michigan State Capitol. Student displays, performances and testimonials will showcase the value Michigan families receive when they exercise choice to meet their educational needs.

MANS and the Michigan Catholic Conference is looking for a student or parent who is willing to share their story of the importance faith-based schools has played in their life. Please contact [Brian Broderick](#) or [Paul Stankewitz](#) for more information.

[Learn More](#)

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### State News

#### School Drinking Water Training Program

FREE SCHOOL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will help identify school plumbing containing lead. The DEQ can schedule your voluntary school site visit where they will help develop the following:

- Plumbing Assessment and Profile;
- Sampling Plan; and a
- Public Communication Plan.

[Learn More](#)

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#### The Michigan Department of Education Read by Third Grade Guide

The Michigan Department of Education's Literacy Team has created a Read by Grade Three Guide to better support Michigan schools in understanding the legislative

requirements of the Read by Grade Three law. The guide also provides tools and resources to communicate the law to educators, families, and communities.

[Learn More](#)

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## 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.

- [Memo No. 6 - Civil Rights Compliance Requirements](#)
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## Bus Inspections and Pupil Transportation Contractors

Section 39 (7) of the Pupil Transportation Act 187 of 1990 requires any company providing school bus services to verify in writing that the buses used by the contractor have passed state police bus inspection. Contractors are to provide the results of their inspections within 30 days of completion by the Michigan State Police.

[Learn More](#)

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## 2019 Earth Day Poster Contest

The Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development, and Michigan Dept. of National Resources would like to invite schools, K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, throughout the state of Michigan to participate in the 2019 Earth Day Poster Contest! Submission requirements and details are listed on the flyer below. Original artwork deadline is **February 15, 2019**.

[Learn More](#)

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# Professional Development

## MANS Events

### Save the Date - MANS Public Policy Day - March 14, 2019

Registration for the 2019 MANS Public Policy Day will soon be open. Be sure to join your colleagues from across the state as we grapple with educational policy issues that impact faith-based schools.

Don't miss this important day!



## MESC Offerings

These events are offered at a significant discount exclusively to non-public schools. Contact Michigan Association of Non-public Schools for more information

## MESC Professional Learning Grant Opportunity

The Michigan Equitable Service Collaborative (MESCC) is pleased to offer a limited number of professional learning grants to Michigan's non-public schools. Grants of up to \$5000 are available based on the guidelines contained in the 2019 Michigan Equitable Service Collaborative Professional Learning Grant. The purpose of these grants is to increase student achievement by improving the quality of instruction and to encourage the growth of professional learning systems in non-public schools.

Criteria for Selection:

- **Data driven:** applicant must demonstrate that the proposed plan reflects documented instructional needs in the school(s).
- **Plan of action:** applicant must outline the activities, timeline for implementation and method for evaluating the effectiveness of the proposed professional learning plan.
- **Budget:** applicant must provide a budget justification outlining all expenses and how they relate to the proposed plan.

Examples of allowable expenses include contracting with instructional coaches, in-service events for staff, peer exchanges, conference attendance, and the purchase of instructional tools aligned with professional learning goals. This list is not exhaustive but is meant to provide a sample of allowable expenses that can be requested through this grant.

The review committee will only consider applications from non-public schools registered through the [Michigan Department of Education Nonpublic School Membership Report](#) as of December 21, 2018.

Applications must be submitted using the online application form by **5:00 p.m. on December 21, 2018.**

[Click here to learn more about the grant application process.](#)

[Click Here access the online application form](#)

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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.

Cohort registration is \$100.00 for all four training and includes lunch.

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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## NWEA - Applying Reports

Gather with other non-public school educators for a day of building a shared understanding of differentiated instruction. You will learn:

- How to use MAP Growth reports to gauge student readiness
- Identify instructional resources you can use to target diverse learning needs
- Design tiered, responsive instructional plans by integrating standards, MAP Growth data and local curriculum

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

**January 14, 2019 – Grand Rapids, Michigan**

**January 15, 2019 – Lansing, Michigan**

**January 16, 2019 – Mount Pleasant, Michigan**

Event registration is \$25.00 and includes lunch. 5 SCECHS will be available.

Follow-up sessions will occur Spring of 2019.

[Click Here to Register](#)

## Additional Offerings

### Meemic Foundation Resource Library

Have you had the chance to see the new additions to the Meemic Foundation resources library? If not, there are a number of new resources for you including ways to increase student participation, school safety insight, and much more. Click the link below and log into your Meemic Foundation Club account to see more.



[Learn More](#)

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## It's 2019. Do your classroom assignments feel like 1996?

Join Google expert John Sowash for a 5 week online course that explores how to incorporate video, audio, and image-based projects into your classroom.

- Start Date: January 13, 2019
- End Date: February 16, 2019
- Platform: Google Classroom
- Skill: Intermediate / Advanced
- Cost: \$99 (apply for a grant!)

[Learn More](#)

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## **The U.S. Army Recruiting Command - February 22, 2019 - Warren, Michigan**

The Great Lakes Battalion will host a training event for educators, administrators and community partners from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Macomb Community College (South Campus). This training will educate administrators, educators, and community partners about the benefits, training, jobs and lifestyle the Army offers. This event will also include interactive military displays and the opportunity to see and use military technology and equipment.

[Learn More](#)

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## **Innovative Solutions**

### **Grant Opportunities**

#### **The Meemic Foundation: For Our Schools Grant Opportunity**

Is there a school in your community that could use a \$500.00 grant? The Meemic Foundation is asking for nominations of deserving schools. They have partnered with Office Depot to provide a nominated school with a \$500.00 grant. Nominations are due by December 31, 2018.

[Learn More](#)

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#### **The Meemic Foundation: Traditional Grant**

The Meemic Foundation is currently accepting applications for their Traditional Grant. Does your classroom have a field trip coming up that could use some extra funding? Are you looking for new STEM tools for your classroom? Apply by December 31, 2018 to receive funding up to \$500.00.

[Learn More](#)

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### **Business Partner Corner**

#### **Michigan Virtual**

##### **Expand your private school's curriculum with FREE online electives**

Through our shared time program, you can enroll your students in a variety of non-core online electives — including Advanced Placement and language courses — at no cost to your school. Using this service, you will expand your curriculum, make your school's course offerings more marketable and competitive, and provide your students with 21st-century learning opportunities.

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