



## A Little Network History

- ◆ The roots of NME go back to the early 1990s with groups like the Michigan Teacher Forum (MTF) and the Michigan Milken Educator Network (MMEN). Both worked to bring recognized teachers together with a central purpose to enhance teaching and learning in Michigan.
- ◆ In 2002, State Board President, Kathy Straus, and the Michigan Department of Education requested that the Network be expanded from the very successful Milken Educator Network to include all recognition programs coordinated or connected with the MDE.
- ◆ At a December 2003 Instructional Leadership and Recognition Conference and Banquet, 67 Recognized Educators from eight different State level awards programs formed The Network Of Michigan Educators (NME) and 14 attendees volunteered to be the first Steering Committee.
- ◆ The Steering Committee now meets five times a year in Lansing, conducts research for MDE, SBE, MVU, etc., coordinates several adult learning community Special Project Teams, provides members to serve on a wide variety of task forces and committees, and the Network holds an annual conference and recognition Banquet.



**For more information about the Network or to download or print the following forms go to the Network Website at:**

**[www.nme-educators.org](http://www.nme-educators.org)**

- ◆ This brochure as an 11x17 folder or four page handout
- ◆ Sponsorship Agreement
- ◆ Conference information
- ◆ Network forms, agendas, minutes, and information



# the Network Of Michigan Educators

*Connecting Recognized Educators As a Resource To Improve Teaching & Learning*



## Sponsorship Opportunities

**Join With The Network In Their Work To Improve Teaching and Learning. Support For The Network Will Connect Your Name and Organization To Educational Leaders From All Over Michigan Throughout The Year & At The Annual Conference And Recognition Banquet December 6-7, 2007.**

**The Network Connects Over 400 Educators who have been recognized through the following programs:**

- ◆ Michigan Teacher of the Year Program
  - ◆ Milken National Educator Award
- ◆ Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
  - ◆ National Board Certification
  - ◆ Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program
  - ◆ Partnership for Success Partner Educators
- ◆ Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program
- ◆ Michigan Elementary-Middle Principal of the Year
  - ◆ National Distinguished Principal
  - ◆ Michigan Secondary Principal of the Year
  - ◆ Michigan Superintendent of the Year

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Collaborative Partnership Working to Improve Education

**the Network**  
Of Michigan Educators



**The Network Mission - Is To Improve Teaching and Learning By Connecting Recognized Educators As A Resource To Inform Practice, Research, and Policy.**



**The Network Steering Committee**

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“These educators, among the best in Michigan, are thoughtful, effective, and capable leaders. The NME is designed to connect their talents, commitment, and passion for quality learning for all students and engage their energy to bring about positive change in education.”

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

| Opportunity                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Donation |
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| <b>ANNUAL SUPPORT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |          |
| Annual support for the on-going work of the Network (includes travel, meals, substitute re-imbursement, and supplies)                                                                                           | 4,400.00 |
| <b>CONFERENCE SUPPORT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |
| Thursday lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1,537.00 |
| Friday breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1,087.00 |
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| Recognition banquet                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3,975.00 |
| Recognition banquet table decorations (could be donated decorations)                                                                                                                                            | 750.00   |
| Recognition reception                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1,825.00 |
| Conference lodging for participants                                                                                                                                                                             | 9,750.00 |
| Substitute re-imbursement for participants – 1 day                                                                                                                                                              | 5,650.00 |
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| Travel – provide pre-paid gas/gift cards to participants (\$20/50 mile radius, \$40/100; \$60/150; \$80/200; \$100/rest of the U.P.)                                                                            | 4,350.00 |
| Pre-conference Wednesday evening for mentees/mentors (Three top senior interns from 8-10 universities matching them with NME members for a year long mentoring relationship), includes dinner, lodging, session | 5,035.00 |
| Pre-conference beverages and rolls                                                                                                                                                                              | 475.00   |
| Break time beverages and snacks - 2 @ 425.00 ea.                                                                                                                                                                | 850.00   |

**Have a question/Need information?**

**Contact Dave Borth at 231-796-0924 or Jean Shane at 517-241-2375**

**CONTACT THE NETWORK THROUGH ANY OF THE ABOVE MEMBERS**



**Note:** In addition, please include an electronic copy of your logo and the name of your organization as you want it to be displayed in our programs and on our website for the several hundred teachers, educational leaders, and political leaders who will be in attendance, use our website, or receive our publications.

**All donors will be recognized** on the NME website, in both the retreat/conference book and the banquet program, on easels in the display area, and on table tents at every table, as well as being acknowledged in reports to the public and the State Board of Education. Donors will also be provided free exhibit space during the conference.

If you wish to make a donation please **write your check to: MIEM**  
 With a note or memo designating **“For the Network of Michigan Educators”**  
**And send it to the NME Fiscal Agent:**  
 The Michigan Institute for Educational Management (MIEM),  
 1001 Centennial Way, Suite 300 Lansing, Michigan 48917  
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**Or email us a short letter of agreement or use a Sponsor Agreement from our website at [www.nme-educators.org](http://www.nme-educators.org) and we will bill you after the conference**