



Welcome to the Network of Michigan Educators

It is with great joy for all the members of the Network of Michigan Educators to re-introduce you to our organization. We celebrate your commitment to education and to Michigan's children

The Network of Michigan Educators was established in 1990 to connect and promote nationally recognized educators through the following programs:

Michigan Teacher of the Year
Milken National Educator Award
Michigan Virtual University On-line Teacher of the Year
Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
National Board Certification
Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program
Michigan Online Teacher of the Year
Partnership for Success Partner Educators
MACUL Technology Educators of the Year
National Science Foundation Einstein Fellows
Michigan Elementary-Middle Principal of the Year
National Distinguished Principal
Michigan Secondary Principal of the Year
Michigan Superintendent of the Year

It is a great honor to invite you to the 2011 Network of Michigan Educators Recognition Dinner and Conference scheduled for December 8th and 9th at Steelcase University Learning Center, in Grand Rapids. Admission to the dinner event is \$22 and the conference is free. You may purchase as many tickets as you need [here](#). Please read the following information to learn much more about this event and this extraordinary group of educators.

Please RSVP at matingaragatz@gmail.com if you plan to attend these two events.

THE NEW Network of Michigan Educators

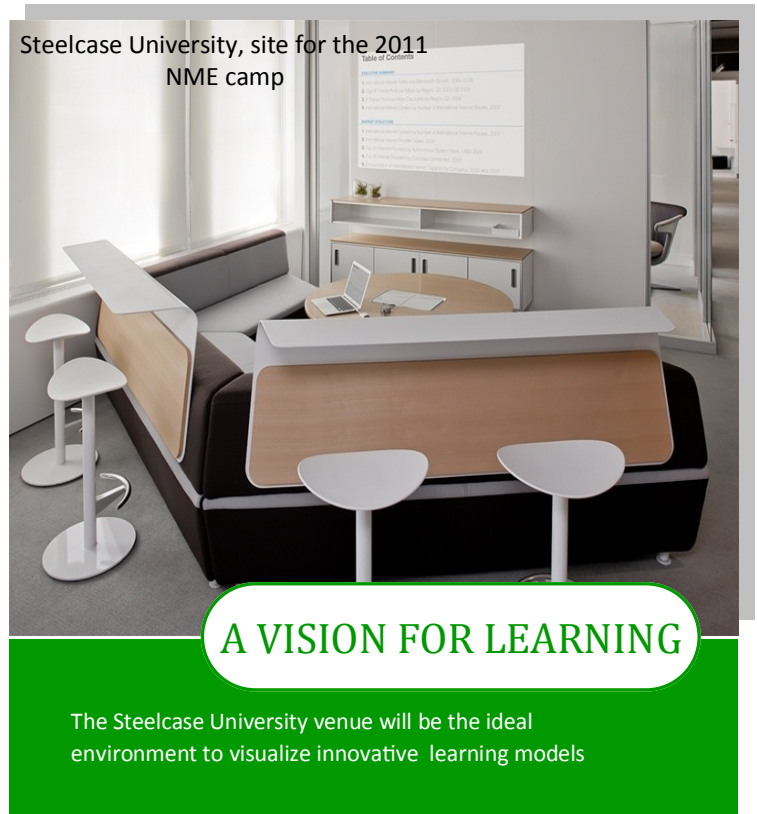
The Network of Michigan Educators is an organization of individuals that have been recognized nationally and internationally for their excellence in teaching. We have succeeded in our personal careers and it is time to tap into our COLLECTIVE potential!

We are recognized educators and we would like to be a part of today's most important education decisions in our great state of Michigan.

No, we do not want a well-constructed two minute sound bite or solely our opinion of how things

should be. We want a long-term partnership to take positive and progressive ACTION in the innovative implementation of emerging models in learning. The new Network of Michigan Educators is being transformed into an ACTION DRIVEN group of Michigan's best educators!! We want to put to use our extensive knowledge, trailblazing creativity and unquestionable commitment to education in molding learning today.

We would like to inaugurate the new Network of Michigan Educators' organization. We have a new look, a new vision and a new purpose. We are not afraid of progress and our leadership and active support is imperative in shaping the direction of education in Michigan.



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A Vision for Learning

Recognition Banquet And Conference

Recognition Banquet

 December Thursday, 8th at 5:30pm

At [Steelcase University Learning Center](#)

901 44th St. SE
Grand Rapids, Michigan



NME CAMP

 December Friday, 9th at 8:00- 4:00pm

Sponsorship Opportunity:
Consider Sponsoring Recognition Banquet Tables
3 tables \$600



LESS TALK, MORE ACTION

The NME camp model is based on the international unconference model, Edcamp. It is inspired by a meeting structure conceived by computer hackers as a way to come together to share ideas underground. We don't promote computer hacking but in a sense, we too want to hack into out-dated and ineffective learning models. Hackers' determination to stay active despite difficult obstacles really resonates with us and our current experiences as educators.

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Our NME camp will be:

- a chillax and innovative gathering for people to share and learn in an open and progressive environment.
- an intense event with discussions, demos and interaction from educators who will be the main actors of the event.

Since NME camp is derived from the Ed-camp model, we will follow the same basic guidelines. Unlike traditional conferences, sessions are not planned or scheduled until

the morning of the event using a scheduling board on which attendees can place an index card with their session on it.

The sessions range from basic conversations around teaching methods to sessions sharing work in progress or sessions based around just brainstorming. The Steelcase venue is a very progressive technology-friendly environment so it is ideal for tech workshops. However, a technology focus is not necessary. It is suggested that you bring a laptop as many presentations might be interactive. **Now, what will you bring to the table?**

Sessions could be anywhere from 5 to 30 people. Small groups are actually ideal since they facilitate conversations, rather than conventional speaker-centered presentations.

We are excited by the opportunity for a wide variety of people in education to be in the same room discussing their ideas and passions. One of the best parts of NME camp is that it will create a level playing field for discussion. Since the attendees will drive the conference and also serve as presenters there will be no hierarchy between presenters and attendees. Teachers can present in front of administrators and administrators can engage teachers in dialogue with both parties taking an active role in the discussion.

THE NO WHINGING ZONE

Celebrate Progress and Success

**The new NME needs YOU
to share what makes you one of Michigan's
Best Education Practitioners**

*DON'T
COMPLAIN.
JUST
PRESENT!!*

Teaching techniques learning philosophy emerging education policy student realities learning environment teacher training professional development student activities technology conventional schedule educator evaluations test scores flipping texting cellphones life skills bells

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The Network needs your help

This year, we are restructuring the Network to play an active part in the education debate and reform in Michigan. Help us become a trusted resource in transforming the role of educators and molding emerging learning environments.

Sponsorship Opportunities

\$500 Recess level	EVENT SPONSOR
\$1,000 Freshman level	EVENT SPONSOR
\$3,000 Sophomore level	NME SUPPORTER
\$5,000 Junior level	NME PARTNER
\$10,000 Senior level	NME PARTNER

"WE SUPPORT YOU" Gift Bags

NME members are educators who go above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of Michigan's children.

More than ever, we would like your help showing our event participants that they are appreciated.

Consider donating items to fill our event gift bags

Thank you so much for caring for MI educators



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Be the Change.....

**Connect our Name and Organization To Educational Leaders
From All Over Michigan**

For providing support to the Network, you receive

- Your logo and company info on our new website
- Verbal recognition (or announcement) at the banquet
- Verbal recognition at NME Camp (Sophomore level)
- Free booth/display space during NME Conference (Sophomore Level)
- Your company link on our new website (Junior Level)
- Your company name on the back of our event T-Shirts (Junior Level)
- Partnership with NME (Junior, Senior Level)
- Use of your educational materials in the new NME workshop series during 2012 (Senior Level)

All Donations are Tax Deductible: Donate [Here](#)

If you wish, send 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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CAN WE COUNT ON YOU FOR THE FUTURE?





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Back: 2011NME camp sponsors

Front: Action is What YOU make it
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Front: Actionista in camo
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It is tough to be an educator these days. However, NME members are action oriented educators. Announce who you are and what you do by wearing this year's BOLD New NME camp wear.

All T-Shirts available in black or white



ONLY AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT NME CAMP 2011. BE AN NME AGAINST MIS-EDUCATION AND APATHY!!