



At the 2010 MASA/MASE Spring Conference ...  
**It's Your Choice!**

In addition to our extraordinary general sessions, the Spring Conference offers many options for customizing your conference experience via our Thursday Mid-day Choice Sessions. From 10:15 am to 1:15 pm, participants may choose among several conference options ... browse the Exhibit Fair, attend a breakout session, participate in a discussion group, learn new skills in the Tech Suite. The lunch buffet is also open, starting at 11:15, so participants can grab a quick bite or linger over coffee and conversation -- it's your choice. (*Scroll down for more complete session descriptions.*)

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Visit the **Exhibit Fair**—80 vendors featuring products and services of value to school leaders. Be sure to enter the drawing for our door prize, an ipod touch. The winner will be drawn from the tickets of the booth that wins the exhibitor drawing, so the more booths you visit, the greater your chances of winning the door prize!

Raise the bar with twenty-first century technology skills. **TIES' Technology Suite** will feature examples of best practice for school leaders. Learn about leading digital learning environments and using cutting edge technology to communicate with staff, parents, and the wider community. The suite will feature real-time demonstration as well as an opportunity for hands-on

**Hungry? The America's Harvest Lunch Buffet** is open from 11:15 – 1:15. Whether a quick break or a leisurely visit with friends, the Northland's famous buffet features many delicious options.

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*Pamela Gabor, Sr. Director of Sales*

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#### **Are STARS MARRS and UFARS in the Way of Your Making a World of Difference?**

presented by  
*Diane Rauschenfels, Associate Professor, University of MN Duluth*

When details dominate your time how can you look at the bigger picture to see where your district wants to fit into the world around you? Stop in to see how to create time in your life and your job. Start focusing on the important things to prioritize! It not only can be done it's a MUST for success.

#### **How to Avoid Trouble with the IRS**

presented by  
*Ehlers and Associates, Inc.:*  
*Joel Sutter, Executive Vice President/Advisor*  
*Gail Robertson, Arbitrage Specialist*

The IRS is increasing enforcement efforts related to bonds - including arbitrage and disclosure regulations. Failure to comply could result in large financial penalties or other serious consequences. The Ehlers experts will explain the IRS

efforts and describe simple steps that districts can take to comply with federal regulations and stay in the good graces of the IRS.

### **Defining The Rights of Parents and Those that Act as Parents in Regards to Education**

presented by

Nancy Blumstein, Attorney, Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney, P.A.

School Administrators are increasingly faced with questions regarding the rights of divorced parents and biological parents where custody has not been determined to have access to and participate in their child's education. Moreover, Administrators also need to understand the rights of foster parents, guardians, custodial grandparents, stepparents and those simply acting as parents in regards to a child's education. This session will address those questions and will provide participants with the information they need to ensure proper parent involvement and compliance with relevant law.

### **Sky's the Limit: Using Telepractice to Deliver Speech Therapy and other Special Education Services**

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A number of Minnesota school districts are using innovative technology to meet the demands of a shortage of Speech Language Pathologists. Several technologies are utilized to offer a rich experience for the students receiving speech therapy telepractice services including VIDYO high quality internet-streaming, SMART Notebook, SMART Document Camera and other curriculum development tools. The SW/WC technology department balanced both cost and quality to come up with a complete solution that allows schools in to access high quality services at a rate they can afford. In this session, participants will be able to view samples of interactive web conference speech therapy sessions, observe a variety of curriculum materials utilized in the sessions, and become aware of the system requirements necessary for linking students and staff. Due process considerations and actual VIDYO demonstration will be provided.

### **Leading the Way to a Safer School**

presented by

MN School Safety Center:

Sheri Boyer-Jacobs, Assistant Director

Nancy Lageson, School Safety Specialist

Whether you are a teacher, principal, district administrator or other school stakeholder you may be asked to assume a leadership role in school emergency planning preparedness and response. What are the key considerations for approaching this important task, what does it mean to lead the way to a safer school and what current best practices are utilized for effective implementation? Learn the answers to these questions and receive valuable insight strategies and resources for successful school safety leadership.

### **Roundtable Discussion Groups at 10:30** (Minnesota Room)

#### **Effective Leadership Through Copyright Awareness**

presented by

Kristi Hensley, Licensing Manager, Movie Licensing USA

Learn what every school administrator should know about copyright compliance and movie usage to protect their facility from copyright infringement by staff parent groups before/after-school care student and community groups. Attendees will gain a better understanding of the benefits of being compliant and the penalties for infringement.

#### **Minnesota Administrator Survey Results for Interest in Becoming a Superintendent**

presented by

Kay Worner, Associate Professor, St. Cloud State University

The results of a survey of 289 Minnesota School Administrators shows that interest in becoming a superintendent varies by gender, length of time in administration, and type of job currently held. This session will discuss survey results and the implications for the State of Minnesota in seeking qualified superintendent candidates.

#### **EQUITY: A Systemic Approach (Invited)**

presented by

Kate Foate Trewick, Assistant Superintendent, Richfield Schools

We are all working on equity that is creating an environment that reduces or eliminates Race as a predictor of achievement. Most often the tasks take on the nature of bits and pieces and the critical cultural shift eludes us. Richfield is taking a comprehensive approach which encompasses interview questions, teacher performance standards, school walk-about, staff development and site based leadership teams and is getting results. Let's inventory the work in your district and start connecting the dots for better results.

#### **Subcontracting the Superintendent's Position with Retirees**

presented by  
Ray Farwell, Specialist, School Administrative Specialty Services LLC

Subcontracting is an option for retired or retiring superintendents. The SASS model is a win-win option. Districts save dollars and the individuals doing the work can receive full TRA and also full compensation from the district.

**New 403(b) Meaningful Notice Law (Invited)**

presented by  
Kent Schutte, President & CEO, Educators Financial Services

New 403(b) laws requires employers to provide "Meaningful Notice of the right to participate", at least annually, to all eligible employees. Since required, many employers provide a "notice that is meaningful". This session fulfills the IRS requirements and provides useful educational information for employees to be financially prepared for retirement, potentially at an earlier age.

**What costs \$81,000 in 2010? Protect your portfolio from this devastation!**

presented by  
Lynn Devitt, Advisor, Your Long Term Care Advocates  
Mark Landis, Financial Advisor, AXA Equitable

Long term care planning is critical to retirement and to our families. The consequences of needing care are many. Long-term care does not necessarily mean nursing home. Eighty percent of care is given in ones home or community settings such as adult day care or assisted living. Planning will allow the independence you treasure now to be part of your life as you begin to need care. Responsible people plan. What is your plan?

**Bringing in Dollars for Energy Saving: B3/PBEEEP Programs (Invited)**

presented by  
Kevin Holm, Director of Educational Design, LHB  
Mark Hancock Sr. Mechanical Engineer, Center for Energy and Environment

State funds supplemented by Federal Stimulus dollars bring opportunities for districts to become more energy efficient. Find out how to receive state and federal assistance to reduce your carbon footprint. Learn what PBEEEP is, the services that identify energy saving options, and the importance B3 participation to receive the assistance.

**Simple Solution for Uniting the Three Es: Education Environment Economics**

presented by  
Mitch Hedlund, UPonGREEN

Education Environment and the Economy are not exclusive of each other especially as we prepare our students to be the innovators and problem solvers of the future. In this presentation school leaders will learn about a masterful yet simple plan which helps schools reduce their expenses improve their impact on the environment communicate their efforts engage students and families and have a framework to educate from. Case studies of MN schools and students will be shared as well as major sports teams and athletes large corporations small businesses and households.

**Bridging the Gap Between Behavioral Analysis and Clinical Diagnosis (Invited)**

presented by  
William Dikel, Consulting Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Independent Consultant  
Jan Ostrum, Behavioral Analyst, Brih Design

This presentation will outline methods of integrating and synthesizing the concepts and vocabularies of applied behavioral analysis and of clinical diagnosis for assessing and serving students who have emotional and/or behavioral disorders. Attendees will learn how to apply this integrative model to the design of effective accommodations and modifications.

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**Breakout Sessions at 11:30**

**Shared Services Study - Reduce Costs and Improve Efficiency**

presented by  
DeeDee Kahring, Vice President,  
Carter Christie, Consultant, Springsted, Inc.  
Roger Worner, Consultant, Roger Worner Associates, Inc.

Unprecedented financial challenges facing school districts demand new approaches to how the business of education is conducted. This session will provide information on a Shared Services Study conducted by Springsted Incorporated designed to identify how sharing and cooperation among school districts can reduce costs, increase efficiency and improve effectiveness.

**Is it O.K. to Sign? The School Administrator's Guide to Reviewing Service Contracts Between School Districts and Third-Party Service Providers**

presented by

Peter Martin, Attorney, Knutson, Flynn & Deans, P.A.

School districts frequently engage the services of third-party businesses, individuals and consultants to perform important work on behalf of school districts. Often, the service provider will provide a proposed contract to the school administrator and request that it be signed. Should the administrator sign? This presentation will provide an overview of the legal and contract principles necessary to effectively contract with third parties, including the essential components of a well-crafted contract and how to identify potential "red flags" in contract documents.

### **Venning Curriculum: How Universal Design for Learning Impacts AYP**

presented by  
Deb Miller, Education Consultant  
Tami Schultz, Director of Curriculum, West Central Education District

This session will provide strategies that can be used to evaluate a district's Universal Design for Learning in programs, curriculum and practices for analyzing AYP results.

### **For Big Picture Leaders Only: Ideas for Performance Excellence**

presented by  
Mary Ann Nelson, Independent Consultant  
Paul Grizzel, Examiner, Core Values Partners, Inc.

Are you not satisfied with anything but excellence for your students? The Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence is a model proven to drive outcomes based on the characteristics of other high performing organizations. How can you use this model to go from good to great? Goal: first stage awareness.

### **Strategic Planning in K-12 Education: A Balanced Scorecard Perspective**

presented by  
Theresa Meyers, Superintendent, Northland Community Schools

This presentation will provide participants with a strategic planning model being used in K-12 schools which is user-friendly understandable and effective. The Balanced Scorecard is a visual tool that highlights district goals empowers stakeholders identifies strategies and provides timely data to keep the district focused and successful.

### **Roundtable Discussion Groups at 11:30** (Minnesota Room)

#### **Efficient, Effective and Research Based Speech Language Services (Invited)**

presented by  
Sarah James, Consultant, Sarah James Consulting

Minnesota must generate resourceful and practical solutions to the considerable shortage of Speech Language Pathologists. This session is designed to provide options for implementing innovative service delivery models, talk about SLP mentoring ideas and discuss offering services that are individualized as well as related to classroom performance and curriculum expectations.

#### **Special Education Transition: Where to Start When to Finish**

presented by  
Sara Stack, Transition Programs Manager, Carver-Scott Educational Cooperative

Transition legally begins during 9th grade for students who receive special education services in the state of MN. Sara will discuss the options we have in high school credit vs. IEP graduation transition goals/objectives and how to demonstrate a student is ready for graduation.

#### **Coordinating HSAs, FSAs, and HRAs Correctly to Maintain Their Tax-Free Status (Invited)**

presented by  
Paige McNeal, Vice President, Educators Benefit Consultants

How to coordinate your High Deductible Health Plan and Health Savings Account with your 125 Flexible Benefits Plan and/or your Health Reimbursement Arrangement. There are specific coordination rules that must be followed in order to maintain the tax-free status of these accounts.

#### **Federal Health Care Reform**

presented by  
Stephanie Frost, Sr. Policy Manger, HealthPartners

Review of the federal health care reform legislation and what it means for Minnesota and Minnesotans.

#### **Bond Pre-Referendum Strategy for Community Informed Decision Making (Invited)**

presented by  
Preston Euerle, President, R.A. Morton & Associates  
Jerry Ness, Superintendent, Fergus Falls Schools

Learn how to identify the most effective strategy for your district and provide the framework that can be used for a community-based bond pre-referendum process.

### **Program Evaluation for Special Education Departments (Invited)**

presented by  
Sarah Mittelstadt, Supervisor of Special Education, SW/WC Service Cooperative

This program is way to evaluate the special education department across the cooperative or individual districts. Sarah will provide samples of how this can be presented in a visual format so all stakeholders can understand the status of the special education department.

### **Save Thousands! Increase Safety! Go Green and End Communication Issues For Good (Invited)**

presented by  
Sophia Tarlas, Schoolreach

Any time technology is used in a coordinated way, communication increases, costs go down and precious human resources are spared. Learn how Instant Parent Notification Systems are being strategically used for non-emergent situations and transforming the way a school communicates with its patrons. Find out tips for increasing your return on investment that could save you thousands. Learn strategies that will help increase attendance, make lunch balance accounting easier and of course enhance the safety of your community.

### **From Frustration to Freedom: Systematic Reading Intervention in Secondary Schools**

presented by  
Jennifer McCarty Plucker, Reading Specialist/Coordinator, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Schools

"In the United States, 70% of eighth graders and 65% of 12th graders do not read at grade level" (Alliance for Excellent Education, 2008). In our classrooms, 1 in 5 students are reading at least two, sometimes more than two years below grade level. This session will focus on defining the secondary striving reader, exploring components of successful systematic intervention, and providing resources for making strategic decisions to meet the needs of the students in your schools. A portion of the session will focus on the proven methods to prepare students for the MCA-II reading test as well as the GRAD retake.

### **Project Green Fleet: An Easy Way to Demonstrate Environmental Leadership (Invited)**

presented by  
Emily Franklin, Project Manager, MN Environmental Initiative

Going 'green' is trendy, but what does it mean? Project Green Fleet is one free and easy way to significantly decrease the environmental impact of school bus operations in your district. Learn how to get involved and the health benefits of reducing school bus emissions for children and adults alike.

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#### **Divide and Succeed: Challenges of the McLeod West Consolidation**

presented by  
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In 2008, McLeod West was in deep trouble--dilapidated buildings, growing operating debt, declining student population, deep division with in the school community, "no" vote on a referendum. The presenters will discuss how they developed a successful plan that consolidated McLeod West with three adjacent districts and received 93% voter approval.

#### **Effective Educational Leadership is Not About Power: The Art of Influence**

presented by  
Bruce Miles, Owner & CEO, Big River Group

This session will present a set of strategies & techniques used by very effective leaders in education and in business to get followers to choose the right path. Emphasis will be on using new strategies for communication, leadership, leveraging time & efforts, more effective planning & decision-making strategies, and project management. Copies of all strategies & handouts will be delivered to participants.

#### **Maximizing Resources and Planning for the Future in Difficult Financial Times**

presented by  
Paul Erickson, President and Roger Giroux, Senior Advisor, ATS&R  
David Krenz, Superintendent, Austin Schools  
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Randall Clegg, Superintendent, Burnsville-Eagan-Savage Schools

Three districts, each with different needs, present the studies that maximized the use of existing school space to meet immediate program needs while also planning for the future. Each district presents their unique challenges and solutions. The architects from ATS&R provide a description of the analysis technique that pairs existing space to program and demographic need with maximum efficiency.

### **Are All Your Teachers and Para's Proficient and Achieving Goals?**

presented by  
Foley Schools:  
Fred Nolan, Superintendent  
Kathi Sims, Co-President/ECSE Teacher  
Teresa Johnson, President Ed MN Para Unit/Title I  
Sharon Kipka, School Board Chair

Foley School District and its Teacher and Ed Assistant Unions has developed Professional Growth and Evaluation Plans with clear requirements for proficiency in evaluation and individually determined annual growth plans for all teachers and EA's. Learn how Foley accomplished this and whether your district is ready to begin a similar collaborative effort.

### **4-Day Week: What We've Learned**

presented by  
Greg Schmidt, Superintendent, MACCRAY Schools

The MACCRAY Public Schools embarked on a journey that began in January 2008 with an investigation of other schools' experiences with the four-day week. We've learned a lot about what it takes to make this a success and would like to share our experiences with you during this year's conference.

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#### **Managing the Cost of Special Education**

presented by  
Martha Amundson, Special Services Coordinator, Owatonna Schools

Managing the cost of Special Education services is an ever-challenging task for site and district level administrators. This session will identify key expenditure and revenue sources to help provide you with innovative options for cost effective special education services. Topics will include: 3:1 service delivery model for related services staff, increasing Third Party Billing revenues, capacity building and expanding services for students with special needs.

#### **Title IX: It's Not Just About Sports**

presented by  
MN Organization of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP):  
L. Suzanne Fust, Psychologist  
Lorie Alveshere, Policy Director

Pregnant and parenting students represent a population at high risk for dropping out of school. This workshop provides information on how Title IX protects access to education for pregnant and parenting students, barriers that exist for such students, and how schools can help these students and their children succeed.

#### **Postsecondary Life for Exceptional Learners: Crucial Information for Educational Leaders**

presented by  
St Cloud State University:  
Janine Dahms-Walker, Associate Professor  
Teresa Lamo-Nelson, Doctoral Candidate

Students with disabilities increasingly aspire to postsecondary education. Successful outcomes are facilitated when P-12 leaders and educational teams understand the realities of postsecondary education for these students. The presenters outline postsecondary accommodations, funding, and eligibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504; and discuss implications for P-12 education.

#### **School Improvement Opportunities Through AdvancED & NCA CASI**

presented by  
Gayla Holmgren, MN Director of North Central Association, AdvancED

This session will share information on a continuous improvement process called Break Through School Improvement and resources and opportunities available through AdvancED. AdvancED is a network of schools and districts in over 30 states and 65 countries, which provides professional development opportunities, best practice resources, and online assessment tools for PreK-12 schools.

#### **Improving learning while reducing costs: Rtl Options to Consider**

presented by  
Center for Learning Solutions:  
Chris McHugh, Board Chair

Robert Wedl, Founding Partner

This session will review options for serving students before they fail by making better use of current pre-k programs in the community, using a "whole-school" RtI model, using the "special ed alternative model," accessing MN Reading Corps members and using the new MN RtI Leadership Center at the Center for Learning Solutions.

**Using Educational3D Math Video games to Enhance Academic Achievement (Invited)**

presented by  
Tom Brown, Senior Vice President, Tabula Digita

DimensionM is a supplementary math program delivering elementary through high school curriculum via a highly engaging multiplayer, video game-based platform. Aligned to Minnesota math standards for grades 3 – 8, Algebra I & II, as well as major textbooks, DimensionM is appropriate for all students. DimensionM can be used in class, after school, and at home (and throughout the summer.) No matter where students use the program, DimensionM reports to educators on their student's proficiency, usage and time on task. Equally important is that it promotes the use of 21st Century skills such as collaboration, teamwork, strategy, critical thinking, leadership and technology.

**Osseo's RTI and Differentiated Instruction Success Story using Read&Write GOLD**

presented by  
Paul Brown, Regional Director, Texthelp Systems

District #279 is successfully addressing RTI (Tier 2) while differentiating instruction with Read&Write GOLD, a tool that combines many popular software features into one easy-to-use toolbar. Laurel Cobb and Paul Brown will demonstrate how Osseo Schools have successfully implemented this solution district-wide.

**Purchasing Solutions to Reduce Expenses & Preserve Budgets**

presented by  
StrategicSource:  
Douglas Austin, President & CEO  
Pamela Gabor, Sr. Director of Sales

A purchasing strategy that allows clients to have a comprehensive integrated purchasing solution, without adding internal resources. SPS allows a client to focus on their core business while relying on us to provide detailed research, analysis and expense category recommendations that reduce cost, optimize suppliers, improve controls and minimize risk.