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Letter from the President

Dear friends of independent and private education:

For the 10th year, MISF presents the [Private and Independent Education Awards](#) on Sunday, April 29. This is the premier event celebrating the excellence found in private and independent schools across MN. We all know a teacher, leader, volunteer or philanthropist who exemplifies the spirit of your school community. Take the time to submit a nomination and make plans to bring a group from your school or business to celebrate with other advocates and supporters of private education. Check out the videos of last year's award recipients [here](#). If you are interested in supporting the event through sponsorship, contact [Michelle Ponsolle](#) for more information.

Remember, if you are a member school, there are TONS of resources and materials from previous conferences and seminars on the members only portion of our website - including webinar recordings. If you need help with your member username and/or password, let [Cassie Simpson](#) know and she will be happy to assist.

Dates to remember:

STEM Education Conference, August 9, 2018

School Leadership Conference, September 24-26, 2018

Thank you for your commitment and belief in private and independent education.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tim Benz'.

Tim Benz, CFRE
President

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STEM SCOOP



MISF STEM Grants

Application information, guidelines and other resources for the 2017-18 STEM Grant program are posted on the MISF website at <http://misf.org/stem-grants/>. If you submitted an LOI, your full proposals are due by 8:00 am on Monday, February 26. Please review the online materials and contact STEM Program Manager Beth Murphy at bmurphy@misf.org or 612-270-0194 with questions or for feedback on your project ideas.

Join MISF's online Makerspace Learning Community for K-8 teachers!

How does your school engage students in making and tinkering? MISF is seeking K-8 teachers interested in learning more about the maker movement in schools. MISF is piloting its first-ever learning community for teachers—our hope is to create a network of teachers from member schools who are interested in learning about resources, research, practices and trends in the maker movement in education. New topics and questions about making and tinkering in schools will be introduced and discussed monthly from January to May 2018. CEUs will be available for active participation. If you are interested in participating and receiving more information, please fill out this [online interest form](#).

The Green Ribbon Schools Award is back!

After a long delay the US Department of Education has announced that it will again offer the Green Ribbon School Award for 2018. The Minnesota support for award this year will have the following timeline:

- Notice of intent to apply (optional) - February 1
- Application deadline (to Mn Dept. of Education) - March 7
- Notification of Minnesota nominees - March 23
- Announcement of national awards - May or June
- Washington DC award ceremony - August or September

More information and summaries about previous awardees are available at the [Green Schools page](#) at the Minnesota Department of Education website.

The University of St. Thomas Center for Engineering Education provides flexible engineering education for teaching professionals and will be offering two online courses this spring. These courses are designed to develop an understanding of engineering and build educators' engineering portfolio. Participants take the courses that fit their learning needs with a four course sequence which leads to a Graduate Certificate in engineering education. The spring courses, which are \$1200 each, are EGED 530 Fundamentals of Engineering and EGED 531 Engineering Design. Find more information at <https://www.stthomas.edu/cee/> and contact deb.besser@stthomas.edu.

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Admissions/Marketing Lunch & Learn Seminar/Webinar

"The Birth of a Culture of Ownership and how YOU can implement this NOW"



Date: Thursday, March 22nd, 2018

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Location: TBD

Presented by: Janice Crampton, Executive Director/CEO

[Association of Independent School Admission Professionals](#) (AISAP)



In July 2007, AISAP Board of Directors appointed Janice Crampton to serve as their Executive Director. She brings more than 35 years of experience in school and university experience to the organization. AISAP is a global association whose mission and vision is to support and advance those involved in admission and enrollment management in their responsibilities for advancing institutional mission and financial sustainability.

A graduate of Bucknell University, Janice began her professional career in the university's Office of Admission, traveling throughout the United States as well as internationally working with international and transfer students. Janice also served with the State of New Jersey Department of Higher Education, working for the Assistant Chancellor, and as the Director of Admission and Financial Aid at Gill St. Bernard's School, a prekindergarten-grade 12 school in New Jersey. Returning to her college admission and placement roots, she Janice was Director of College Counseling at Francis Parker School in California, followed by Greenwich Academy and The Williams School in Connecticut, before her arrival to The Country School located in Madison, Connecticut. Janice has served on the board of directors for local charities and several independent schools.

Seminar/Webinar Content

Independent School Admission and Enrollment Management is different than it was 5, 10 or even 20 years ago. This is not news. What may, however, be news is that many schools and their leadership teams still have not adopted best practice thinking and strategies to be met with success in the ever-changing landscape, especially when it comes to strategies and techniques related to admission and enrollment management. Think about it - the minute a student starts their first day of school, they no longer are part of the new student equation but are critical to the re-enrollment side of enrollment success. Likewise, thousands of dollars are spent each year in marketing and communication only to find that the power of word of mouth is not managed. This costs nothing and yet if it is not managed well it is costly to your efforts. Who oversees this aspect of enrollment at your school? How is this monitored and managed? What role do your Faculty play in ensuring stronger recruitment and retention? Join Executive Director of the Association of Independent School Admission Professionals, Janice Crampton, as she shows you why having a culture of ownership will create a competitive advantage for your school. Understanding your school's core values and shifting the thinking of "that is not my job" to "how can I help?" may in fact be the greatest implementation strategy towards success.

Take advantage of this opportunity to earn CEU Credits!

Seminar Cost

- MISF member school staff: FREE* for first staff; \$25 per person for additional staff. ([Click here to see if your school is a member of MISF.](#))

- Nonmember school staff: \$65 per person
- Registration for the Seminar includes a lunch and all presentation materials

Webinar (Space limited)

- MISF member school staff: FREE
- Nonmember school staff: \$25

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)
Register through Sunday, March 18th!

*CANCELLATION/NO-SHOW POLICY: Registration fees paid are nonrefundable; however, they may be transferred to another staff member (including board members, committee members, volunteers, or any individual affiliated with your school community). Cancellations for unpaid registrants who notify MISF less than 48 hours of the seminar or do not show up to the event will be charged as follows: MEMBERS - \$20; NONMEMBERS - \$25.

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