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## Letter from the President

Dear friends of Independent and Private education:

During this season of Thanksgiving, we offer our gratitude to our member schools, funding partners, advocates, ambassadors and volunteers who walk alongside MISF to bring learnings, resources and connection to thousands of students, leaders and educators in schools across Minnesota.

As you know, the role of a school leader in fundraising is becoming more important each year. To learn from an expert, register for our Lunch and Learn on December 7. Steve Hoepfner, Vice President, Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation, is a very highly skilled and accomplished professional who will share helpful tips and lessons for school leaders and staff on fundraising.

If you have not checked out our new strategic plan, you can [find it here](#). As you will see, our activities and priorities are focused toward an overarching goal of 100% member retention in 2018.

Thank you for your support, commitment and engagement as we continue to connect and strengthen Minnesota's independent schools.

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

Tim Benz, CFRE  
President

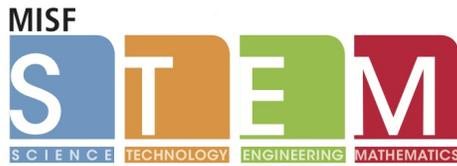
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## STEM SCOOP



### **2017-18 MISF STEM Grant Cycle**

MISF is currently making updates to the STEM Grant Program guidelines and forms. We will continue to offer the same three types of grants: Starter, Innovation, and Sustainability.

Check out our website on Monday, November 20, for detailed information about the 2017-18 STEM Grant application process including forms and guidelines.

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### **Second Biennial Joint Conference Capturing Imaginations. Building Skills.**

Convened by: [Ignite Afterschool & SciMathMN](#)

#### **DATE AND TIME**

Wed, Nov 29, 2017, 8:00 AM -  
Thu, Nov 30, 2017, 5:30 PM

#### **LOCATION**

University of Minnesota - Continuing Education and Conference Center  
1890 Buford Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55108

[Click here](#) for more information about the conference, submitting presenter proposals, and registration!

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### **Minnesota Competitions and Programs**

Many competitions, out-of-school programs and field trip opportunities are posted at the [Mn-STEM website](#) and listed in the Reach for the Stars Catalog of Programs and Activities.

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## **Development Lunch & Learn Seminar/Webinar**

### **"The Role of the CEO in Independent School Fundraising."**

**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2017

**Time:** 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**Location:** Bethany Academy



**Presented by Steve Hoepfner, Vice President, Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation**

As vice president, Steve is responsible for assisting the president and CEO in the overall management and strategic direction of the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation. His primary focus is education, which involves researching grant opportunities, visiting with potential grantees, making grant recommendations to the Foundation's board of trustees, and ensuring that grants to educational institutions produce meaningful results.

### **Seminar/Webinar Content**

Fundraising is essential to the health, vitality and sustainability of independent schools. The responsibility for generating development revenue through events, direct mail, phone calls and personal visits often falls to the CEO of the school, and in many cases, the CEO feels unprepared for the role. Even in schools in which there is a development director or team, the CEO is responsible for creating and supporting a culture in which a development program can thrive. In this session, the role of the school CEO in development, and ideas for creating a culture of giving in your school will be explored.

## **Take advantage of this opportunity to earn CEU Credits!**

### **Date, Time and Location**

Date: Thursday, December 7th, 2017

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Bethany Academy  
4300 West 98th Street  
Bloomington, MN

### **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, December 3rd!**

\*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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### **Nonpublic Fall 2017-2018 Report Form**



The Nonpublic Fall Report Form, which nonpublic schools should complete by November 17, 2017, is available on the [MN Department of Education website's Nonpublic page](#). Check this page for other forms and reports related to funding opportunities and rates for nonpublic schools.

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