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Letter from the President

Dear friends of independent and private education,

We hope you are enjoying the summer and finding time for some well-earned relaxation. I was fortunate to spend the early part of this week in Detroit with other state organization like MISF. The group is called the State CAPE Network (SCN). It's a rare opportunity to connect and learn from similar organizations about trends, perspectives and learn ways to grow and provide the best impact to our members. In many ways, this group is similar to our membership at MISF - it affirms the importance of being connected to a larger community.

Make sure your calendars are set for the [2018 School Leadership Conference](#). The planning committee has set another strong agenda including numerous opportunities to network with other school leaders. This remains our highest rated offering each year and you won't want to miss this conference. Registration will open in August and also includes special pricing for first-time attendees.

We are pleased to welcome Holy Trinity Schools (Winsted) and Minnetonka Christian Academy as new members to MISF. If you are considering joining MISF, now is the time with our new member incentive pricing and you will have access to a myriad resources, connections and professional development offerings.

We wish you a safe and restful summer.

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

Tim Benz, CFRE
President

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STEM SCOOP



MISF STEM Education Conference
Tuesday, August 7th, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Maranatha Christian Academy
Attend the Conference and Earn 6 CEUs

New this year!

Digital copies of breakout session materials (Powerpoints and handouts) will be made available to all conference registrants.

[Click here](#) to view descriptions of breakout sessions including recommended grade ranges. You will choose your breakout sessions upon registering. Register early to ensure that you are able to attend the breakout sessions of your choice. **Attendance in breakout sessions is limited to the first 25 people who register.**

[Click HERE TO REGISTER NOW!](#)

Open to all Nonpublic School Educators in Minnesota
(See member and non-member rates below)

Keynote Speaker - Victoria Velez
Process Development Engineer at Boston Scientific



In her current role as a Process Development Engineer at Boston Scientific, Victoria designs and develops new medical device technologies that help save lives. She leads the Hispanic employee resource group at Boston Scientific and has served on the board for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Twin Cities chapter for the last three years. She also is an active mentor with the CLUES Youth in Action program.

Victoria was recently featured in TPT SciGirls Stories: Real Women Real Jobs, a documentary that profiles women from diverse cultural and professional backgrounds and shares the challenges and triumphs of "a day in the life" in STEM workforce.

SPONSOR EXHIBITORS

Sponsor exhibitors will be available to showcase the products and services they offer the STEM education community.

REGISTRATION & FEES

- MISF Members: \$65
- Non-Members: \$175
- Title Funds may be available to cover registration fees. Check with your local school district for more details.
- The conference is for grade K-12 educators from any Minnesota private or independent school. Your school does not need to be a member of MISF to attend.
- Registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, afternoon refreshments, and free parking.
- Registration fees are nonrefundable; however, registrations are transferable.
- Payments (Check, Visa or MasterCard) must be received by Monday, August 6th, 2018
- Last day to register is Tuesday, July 31st, 2018

If you have any registration questions please contact Michele Skare at 651-297-6716.

[Register Now!](#)

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FREE CHEMISTRY EQUIPMENT

Bethel University is moving its chemistry department to a new location and is getting rid of excess equipment (see pictures [here](#)). All items are free to those willing to haul them away on July 24 from 1 to 4pm. Please contact Amy Gorowsky, Bethel's chemistry lab coordinator, at rohamy@bethel.edu with questions or to let her know you are coming (and for detailed directions the chem lab). Bethel University is located at 3900 Bethel Drive, St. Paul, MN 55112.

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School Leadership Conference

September 24-26, 2018
Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge
[Click here for more info](#)

Watch your inbox for more details

Not an MISF Member School? Join Us!

We are offering a new member incentive to all schools interested in joining MISF.

Some of the ways you and your school community benefit by connecting to MISF and our extensive network include:

- **Access to all materials and resources** from our professional development offerings (conference and seminar/webinars), including previous programs and conferences
- Member only-access to our **Law Guide and Directory of Programs and Services for Nonpublic Schools** - updated annually
- Opportunity to **attend the School Leadership Conference** - our highest rated program annually - and a unique gathering to connect and network with more than 70 other private schools leaders
- Provide relevant and timely information **regarding nonpublic pupil aids and title programs**
- Access to member-only STEM grants, programs and periodic in-kind donations

To learn more about this special offer send an email to tbenz@misf.org

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2018 Minnesota Field Trip & Activity Expo

Monday, August 6
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Target Field



All educators - including K-12 teachers, curriculum specialists, coaches, music directors, and principals - are invited to explore new "experiential learning" assemblies, field trips, and classes. These programs can be customized to support standards, and fit the ages/grades of participating school groups.

Free tours of Target Field and professional development workshops are also available. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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Target Field Trip Grants

It's become increasingly difficult for schools to fund learning opportunities outside the classroom. To help, Target launched field trip grants in 2007, which have made it possible for millions of students to go on field trips. To learn more, [visit their website](#).

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School Indoor Air Quality Training

Indoor air quality continues to be a hot topic in schools, and media attention has recently focused on radon in schools.

The Minnesota Department of Health is hosting training sessions which will discuss the state's best practices for school indoor air quality (IAQ) management. Topics include radon, mold,

chemicals, ventilation, maintenance and cleaning. Non-public schools are not required to have an IAQ Plan but it is recommended they develop a plan and attend this training. Moreover, there are IAQ regulations that apply to all schools that will be discussed at the training. School staff and service providers are encouraged to attend.

For times, dates and more information, [visit MDH's website](#).

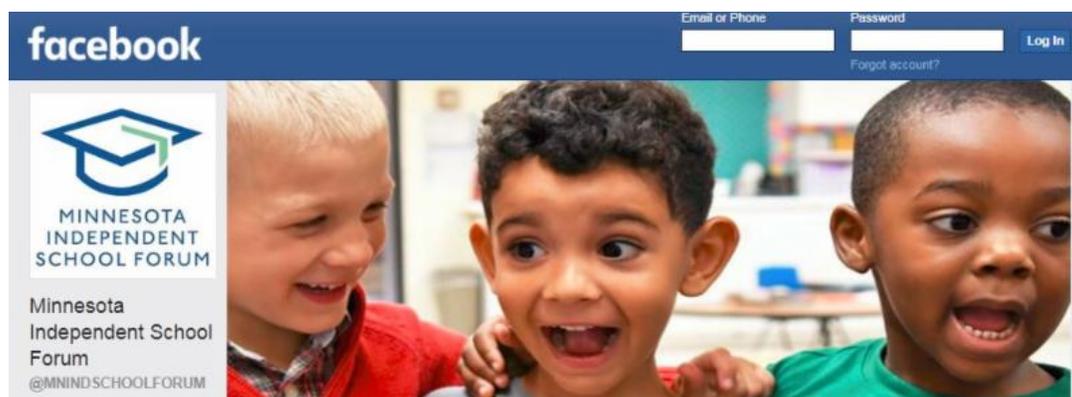
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MDH E-Cigarette Alert & Toolkit for Schools

The Minnesota Department of Health is doing outreach to schools to warn school administrators about the growing use of youth electronic cigarette use, the danger of nicotine to the adolescent brain and the availability of a toolkit they have developed. To learn more about rising youth e-cigarette use, go to <http://www.health.state.mn.us/tobacco/>.

To obtain resources for your school visit [MDH's e-cigarette information page](#).

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