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1. What's New?

MLI/MASA Present the New Superintendents Leadership Academy

MLI and MASA are teaming to present the **New Superintendents Leadership Academy** designed to support Superintendents who are new to the position as well as Superintendents who want to continue to grow and build new strengths in this tough but rewarding job. The cost to participants is \$150 per session. Registration is now open on the MASA website. The remaining New Superintendents Leadership Academy session will be offered follows:

- April 20, 2017: HR Practices and Procedures for Success

Leadership Opportunities

Detailed information about **Michigan Leadership Institute Searches in Progress** and the on-line application can be found at the Michigan Leadership Institute website, www.mileader.com.

Harbor Beach Community Schools

Michigan Leadership Institute is facilitating the search for Superintendent of Harbor Beach Community Schools. The application deadline is March 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Questions regarding the search should be directed to the search consultant, MLI Regional President Charles Andrews, at 810-434-5631 or candrewsmli@gmail.com. See the MLI website "Searches in Progress" for more details.

Buchanan Community Schools

Michigan Leadership Institute is facilitating the search for Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools. The application deadline is March 15, 2017. Questions regarding the search should be directed to the search consultant, MLI Regional President Gary Rider, at 616-901-3738 or gridermli@gmail.com. See the MLI website “Searches in Progress” for more details.

Dearborn Heights School District 7

Michigan Leadership Institute is facilitating the search for Superintendent of Dearborn Heights School District 7. The application deadline is March 31, 2017. Questions regarding the search should be directed to the search consultant, MLI Regional President John Silveri, at 248-420-9354 or silverimli@gmx.com. See the MLI website “Searches in Progress” for more details.

2. Following Up

Note: If you are a graduate of any Superintendent Preparations Series Academy class, please keep us posted as you assume new education leadership roles.

Congratulations to Dan O’Connor (SUPES 2016) selected as Superintendent of Alcona Community Schools. Dan assumes this position March 1. Previously Dan has served as the Elementary Principal and the High School Principal in Alcona Community Schools.

Congratulation to Piper Bogнар (SUPES 2015) selected as Superintendent of Van Dyke Public Schools. Piper previously served this district as Elementary Principal, Turnaround Director, and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum.

3. Research/Reading Roundup: Articles of Interest

- Check out this MDE document, “MI Roadmap: Transforming Education Through Technology.” [FINAL_MIRoadmap-DRAFTWatermark_10.16.2016_Edit.pdf](#)
- Two interesting reports in *Education Week*, February 15, 2017:
 1. A study reported in the journal *Occupational Therapy in Mental Health* found that most adults with autism built on their strong childhood interests in their adult careers. This suggests that schools might encourage career paths related to single-focus interest in children with autism, rather than discouraging what feels like “fixation” on a single interest area.
 2. Researchers found that sending a postcard to the parents of students with attendance issues led to improved attendance even when the postcard just generally encouraged good attendance.
- The January 25, 2017, issue of *Education Week* has a special insert magazine focused on standards and training for principals. The insert has interesting content that would be good discussion starters for building administrators, assistant principals, teacher leaders and university partners.

4. Leaders’ Speech File: Quotes on the Future

- “Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”—Malcolm X
- “You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.”—Abraham Lincoln
- “Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”—John F. Kennedy

- “The future rewards those who press on. I don’t have time to feel sorry for myself. I don’t have time to complain. I’m going to press on.”—Barack Obama
- “Nobody gets to live life backward. Look ahead. That is where your future lies.”—Ann Landers
- “The future depends on what you do today.”—Mahatma Gandhi
- “You realize that our mistrust of the future makes it hard to give up t he past.”—Chuck Palahniuk
- “The future is not an inheritance. It is an opportunity and an obligation.”—Bill Clinton
- “The future belongs to the curious. The ones who are not afraid to try it, explore it, poke at it, question it, and turn it inside out.—Unknown
- “Change is the process by which the future invades our lives.”—Alvin Toffler

5. Notes from the Asylum:

Q: How many cars does it take to fill a mall with shoppers? A: A whole lot

Q: How many politicians does it take to change a light bulb: A: Two—one to change it, and one to change it back

Q: What’s orange and sounds like a carrot? A: A parrot

Q: Why don’t ants get sick? A: They have strong anty bodies

Q: What should you do when your elephant won’t stop chasing kids on bikes? A: Take away his bikes

Police: “O.K. buddy, where were you between 4 and 6? Suspect: Uh, kindergarten—why do you ask?”

6. Sponsor Highlight—Elevate K12

Elevate K12, created at the University of Michigan, is a personalized, on-line instruction program that provides one-to-one online instruction with real human tutors for struggling, at grade level, and advanced students. The program fits into the daily class curriculum and several school districts across Michigan have used the program for raising academic achievement in math and reading.

7. About Us

Michigan Leadership Institute is committed to supporting the success of public education by developing, deploying and supporting outstanding executive leadership. Based in current leadership research, all MLI services are developed and delivered by successful leader-practitioners. For more information about MLI services, please visit our web site www.mileader.com or contact any of the regional presidents:

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