



August 2022 Newsletter

Dear Friends of Private and Independent Education:

Registration for the 2022 School Leadership Conference is OPEN! This annual conference is the premier gathering of private and independent school leaders. If you are a new school leader or looking to build your professional network and connections – this is the place. A sampling of topics include Teacher Retention, The Future of Leading & Learning and Addressing the Mental Health Crisis for School Leaders.

Wondering if you can't get away for a couple days? Here are some reflections from fellow leaders on attending the conference.

"I really enjoyed the time away to "reset." Too many times we(leaders) think that we can't get away because the school 'needs' us. I believe that we are better leaders by taking this time for us to learn, connect and reset."

"The conference was a wonderful balance of learning interesting, practical information and enjoying camaraderie and down time with leadership peers."

We hope to see you at the end of September – [register today!](#)

Thank you to schools that have renewed their MINNDEPENDENT membership for this year. Invoices were emailed/mailed in July. If your invoice may have gotten misplaced, please [let me know](#). Interested in becoming a member? Reach out to me, we have special new member incentives and pricing that makes it affordable and opens up a myriad resources and support to you and your school community.

We wish you a restful last few weeks before the start of a new school year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Perry".

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**School Leadership Conference
September 26-28
Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge**

Registration Now Open!



Join us in-person at beautiful Bay Lake for learning, conversation, networking and reconnection. This year's session topics are better and more pertinent than ever.

Sessions include:

- Communications and Advocacy: Learn Effective Messaging and Advocacy Strategies for Your Local Communities and at the State Capitol
- The Future of Leading & Learning is Creative, JOY-filled & Human-Centered
- Addressing the Mental Health Crisis for School Leaders
- Retaining Great Teachers: Proven Practices that Help Schools Support and Retain Effective Teachers
- Resolving Conflict Heart-to-Heart

[Click here for session descriptions and conference agenda](#)

Special pricing for first-time attendees! Register today!

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

MINNDEPENDENT annual membership renewal invoices have been emailed to schools. If you are a current member, THANK YOU. We hope you will remain a member of a growing and engaged network of 172 schools. If you have not yet received your invoice, [click here to let us know](#).

If you are not a current member, [but have benefitted or engaged in our offerings](#) during the past year, please contact [Tim Benz](#) to discuss membership. New member incentives are available.

STEM SCOOP

STEM Day at the State Fair 2022!

Always the best day of the Great Minnesota Get Together STEM Day at the State Fair is back for its twelfth year on August 25, 2022. SciMathMN brings



together over 30 STEM education providers and business supporters to engage in hands-on, fun activities. It's a celebration that attracts fairgoers to the exhibit area and the adjoining stage performances.

Science Lab Safety

The Minnesota State Fire Marshal developed a [safety checklist for school science facilities and practices](#). Additional safety guidelines and information are available in the [Science Best Practices/Science Safety](#) section of the Frameworks website, and the [National Science Teachers Association Safety Resources](#).

Each day, STEM teachers and professionals connect through [getSTEM-MN.com](#) to foster relationships that help Minnesota students excel in the classroom. Through this web portal, teachers needing resources are provided equipment and expertise for their classroom.



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Engineering Center of Excellence

The Minnesota State Center of Engineering Excellence facilitates relationships by engaging academic institutions with industry and provide educational outreach by inspiring interest

in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). [Explore Curriculum, Activities and Resources](#).



Bring the World to Your Classroom

TPT and PBS have curated FREE, standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more for teachers like you. The STEM Education Resource Center is a site that provides nearly 4,000 resources of STEM for PreK-5 and 6-12. The website is also targeted at teachers, who have access to self-paced, free modules on how to teach global climate change to students in middle school and high school. [Explore Classroom Resources](#)

MEMBER SCHOOL NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

In our ongoing effort to ensure member satisfaction and meet the professional development needs of member schools, MINNDEPENDENT wants to hear from you.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey linked below. Our goal is to identify which program offerings and professional development content are most important for you and your school community. The survey results will help create future program offerings, including conference and professional development schedules for the coming year.

In addition, we ask for your honest assessment of your membership satisfaction and engagement. This information will also help inform our current strategic planning efforts.

THANK YOU for your valuable input on this survey!

[Click here to access the survey](#)

Nonpublic Equitable Services in ESEA Title Programs

- **What:** Join members of the MDE Student Access and Opportunity Division for a training on nonpublic equitable services in ESEA Title programs. This session will address fall consultation topics, the LEA's authority for setting reasonable deadlines throughout the year, spending requirements and related carryover provisions.
- **When:** August 18, 2022 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- **Who:** School leaders (public and nonpublic) participating in ESEA Title programs
- **Where:** Via MS TEAMS, link on the [MDE Calendar](#)

Important Dates

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