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Presents

Ensuring Data Quality
in a
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Spring 2013 Conference
April 30, 2013
Bath, Michigan

Program/Conference Information

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

8:45—10:15 A.M. Paul Salah



This presentation will highlight the Wayne-Westland Community Schools teacher evaluation model. The session will focus upon student growth as a primary factor of importance. Participants will leave with one model that they can potentially adapt to meet the needs of their school districts.

10:15-10:30 A.M. Break

10:30 A.M.—12:00 P.M. Karen Ruple



In 2011, the US Department of Education offered states an opportunity to think differently about their educational improvement efforts. States were told that some federal education mandates could be waived in return for significant positive changes in current

district and school practice and support. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and several of its partners responded by re-visioning the delivery of MI Excel, the Statewide System of Support (SSoS.) The ESEA Flexibility Waiver was granted to Michigan and the SSoS is now providing supports to districts with Title I Priority and Focus Schools and to Title I Priority Schools. This presentation will describe the changes in the SSoS as described in the waiver as well as some adjustments that may be made in the 2013/14 school year.

12:00—12:45 P.M. Lunch

12:45-2:15 P.M. David Judd



This session will provide an overview of current and future activities that are designed to support moving all statewide assessment programs online. This is important in order to have as many schools as possible ready to administer the online

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium tests in spring 2015.

2:15-3:00 P.M. Jennifer Hammond



This session will give an update on the recommendations and pilot of the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness. The official report is due out in June but Jennifer will have up-to-date information and recommendations from the MCEE.

3:00-4:00 P.M. Paul Bielawski



Paul will provide updates on upcoming CEPI data collections and the MI School Data portal site. Emphasis will be on updated reports on the MI School Data site and future plans.

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Conference Location:

Eagle Eye Conference Center 15500 Chandler Road Bath, Michigan, 48808

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