



ANNUAL REPORT

2010-2011

President's Message

It is a pleasure to present the 2010-2011 Annual Report of the REMC Association of Michigan (REMCAM). This report highlights our successes in the past fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). This Annual Report is also available electronically as a PDF at www.remc.org/about/annualreport.

REMCAM's mission is to provide proactive leadership to the Michigan educational community. By participating with other organizations we are building a vision that supports quality teaching for learning and provides equity to Michigan's Pre K-12 students. These goals continue to be our priority and guide our work.

Collaborating with many other organizations across the state, such as MAISA, MDE, and MACUL, has allowed the members of REMCAM to make great strides in fulfilling our mission.

I am pleased to report that 2010-2011 was a productive year, which will be evident as you read this report. My considerable appreciation goes to the many dedicated individuals in the Association and our partners for their collaborative support, hard work, and commitment to providing quality media and technology resources and substantial cost savings this past year.

While change is inevitable, the number of changes in the names and faces of the REMC Directors over the last 18 months has been considerable. Ten new Directors have come on board since our last Annual Report. They have brought with them new ideas, commitment to new initiatives and tremendous energy.

Activities highlighted in this report illustrate important initiatives in light of our focus areas. These activities serve multiple purposes for Access to Relevant Resources and in support of Relevant Teaching and Learning for the 21st Century.

REMCAM is proud of its accomplishments during 2010-2011, and will continue in the future to work hard in order to provide leadership and valuable resources to enhance classrooms across Michigan.

Randy Lindquist
2010-2011 REMC Association of Michigan President

Leadership in Action

- Dan Spencer, REMC 15, and Ron Houtman, REMC 8 recognized in TechSmith's *Educators to Watch*
- Mike Richardson, REMC 1, recognized by Internet2 as a K20 Initiative Anchor Innovator
- Mike Oswalt, REMC 12E, elected MACUL President for 2011-12
- Beverly Knox-Pipes, REMC 14E, elected NAMTC President for 2011-12



Highlights 2010-2011

- Negotiated pricing for Adobe Connect licensing
- First Annual REMC \$AVE Show Off
- Increase in professional learning offerings
- SB-CEU courses through REMC MI Streamnet
- Development of Michigan Learns Online Portal
- Pilot of 21Things4Students
- Launch of new REMC Association website (www.remc.org)

21things4Students

www.21things4students.net

The REMC Instructional Technology Specialists (RITS) committee of the REMC Association of Michigan created and is currently evaluating the REMC funded 21things4Students pilot project. Targeting grades 6-8 this web resource helps students to meet basic technology skills. Using project-based activities from January 2011 to June 2011, teachers and students in 40 classrooms have been employing each of the available 21things4student project resources. All of the resources are aligned to both National Education Technology Standards for Students (NETS-S) and Michigan Education Technology Standards (METS).

Using information provided by all the students and teachers, seven evaluative measures were used to compile evaluation evidence:

- 5,750 Survey Responses
- Virtual Connect Sessions
- Site Visits
- Teacher Post-Pilot Survey
- Final Exit Survey
- Pre And Post Test Data
- REMC-RITS Evaluations Based On Student and Teacher Verbal Feedback



The evaluation findings: Students request a more game-like and interactive structure to the projects. Teachers (66%) indicate tools are extremely valuable and student involvement was above average to excellent. Cross content integration is also above average for 81% of the teachers.

Using feedback from the evaluations, the website, www.21things4students.net, is being updated and revised for the fall project launching. Both teachers and RITS members are contributing to this update. The content will be created in MOODLE and Blackboard platforms to make content access easily available.

"21things4students is the only open source resource that I have found that provides information, web links, and activities for students and teachers that cover the National and Michigan Technology Standards. Teachers in all subject areas can now be better equipped to integrate the technology standards regardless of their technology proficiency. 21things4students is powerful, ever-changing, and engaging; I look forward to seeing the transformation in education!"

Renee Jorae, Technology Education, St. Johns Middle School and St. Joseph Elementary School, REMC 13

REMC Statewide \$ave Bid Project

www.remc bids.org

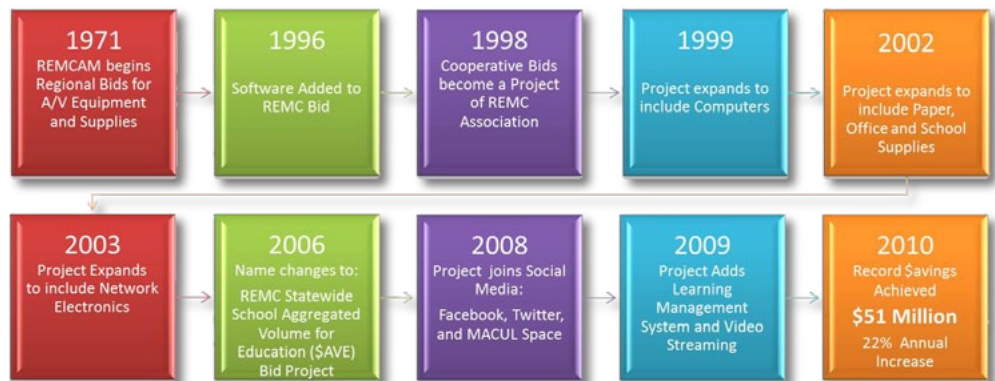
The REMC Statewide \$AVE Bid Project provides competitively bid contracts for Michigan schools. All contracts are bid in accordance with the state School Code and approved by the Ingham ISD Board of Education, thereby allowing schools to make purchases without further bidding.

Record sales were reported again in 2010. Total sales for the year were over \$92 million providing savings of more than \$51 million. There were more than 4.8 million items sold in eight bid categories – supplies, equipment, software, paper, computer equipment, network electronics, learning management systems and video streaming. Of the 619 Michigan public school districts, 605 participated with the \$AVE Project in 2010, or a 98% participation rate. Since 1990, more than \$474 million in savings has been achieved!

In February 2011, the REMC \$AVE Bid Project launched the first annual REMC Show Off. The event was held at the Lansing Center and consisted of a variety of interactive classroom vendors demonstrating the products that they were awarded for the 2010 Supplies and Equipment contract. There were over 100 educators in attendance. Many of those commented how great it was to be able to compare the interactive technologies that are represented on the REMC \$AVE Bid.

Looking forward to 2011-12, the REMC \$AVE Bid Project will be launching a new website in the fall. This website redesign will make it easier to navigate and provide additional functionality. A new software bid will be conducted in the spring of 2012. This bid will include Microsoft, Adobe and many other publishers.

The REMC Statewide \$AVE Bid Project prides itself in being responsive to its customers and providing a service that is valuable to Michigan schools.



REMC Statewide \$ave Bid Project Timeline

Michigan Learns Online

www.remc.org/resources/mlo

In existence for one year, the Michigan Learns Online (MLO) portal is focusing on resource availability. It provides assistance about online learning to administrators, teachers, parents and students. It contains a resource catalog, design tutorials and a help desk. The portal is collecting support material and teacher created quality online learning materials. There are 17 online learning, lessons, units or courses at the MLO Portal. They are at the middle and secondary levels and are in Science, Mathematics, English Language Arts and Social Studies. In order to make a significant and sustained impact in the area of online/blended learning a recommendation was made to the REMC Association by the MLO Portal Advisory Committee to develop a long-range plan to support blended learning, in conjunction with state partners, by December 2011. Other recommendations include:

- Extending the project until December 2011
- Creating a long-range strategic plan to include measurable outcomes/deliverables and a timeline to measure success
- Expanding the collection of online content by taking advantage of resources such as the Open High School of Utah and Oregon Virtual School District
- Exploring the use of a Moodle.org Open Community Hub (MOOCH) for course sharing
- Redesigning the MLO website to make it more engaging and user friendly



Since June 2011, the project has been extended, and these steps have been taken:

- The process to redesign the MLO Portal has begun
- Online learning material from the Open High School of Utah and the Oregon Virtual School has been added to the Portal
- Partnerships are being explored and new members, more closely involved in the delivery of online/blended learning, have been recruited to serve on the MLO Portal Advisory Committee

The REMC Association of Michigan, a strong supporter of online learning, continues to financially support the growth of these Portal resources as well as expansion into the area of blended instruction.

REMC MI Streamnet

www.mistreamnet.org

REMC MI Streamnet is a portal to professional development and legislative videos for Michigan educators. Professional development events are streamed live or on-demand to your computer, free of charge. REMCAM administrates and financially supports the REMC MI Streamnet project. REMCs around Michigan participate by relaying streamed programs to the areas they serve.

Responding to the nationwide streaming video trend you can now access REMC MI Streamnet on your mobile device. We are installing a statewide network of cross platform servers during the summer of 2011 capable of delivering content to multiple hand held devices. A new website to enhance access by multiple devices will be in place by January 2012.

Video courses are available, some for SB-CEU credit, on the expanded REMC MI Streamnet network. You can also add to your professional development experience through the new interactive chat component. You no longer have to go to a separate computer to ask a question. You can now ask it face to face.



REMC MI Streamnet continues to advance services offered to Michigan educators. Partnering with Cisco Systems we are participating in a field trial for Show and Share Digital Media Manager and Acropolis word tagging software. This software will give you the ability to locate information from the video quickly and easily.

“The Michigan Assessment Consortium has as its mission to promote assessment knowledge and practice and to provide professional development in the service of improving student learning and achievement. MI Streamnet is an invaluable partner in providing the vehicle to promote high quality assessment practices. MI Streamnet provides high quality services to our viewers so valuable assessment products and services are easily and readily available to Michigan educators.”

Kimberly Young, MDE Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability

REMC Streaming Video Project

streaming.discoveryeducation.com/?location=remc

The REMC Streaming Video Project (RSVP) provides *free* access to a collection of over 270 full-length educational videos aligned with the Michigan Curriculum Framework. Also, through a partnership with the MDE Michigan Model for Health, RSVP houses the curriculum videos that complement the Michigan Model Curriculum.

The RSVP collection is open to all teachers in the state of Michigan.






To access the RSVP Collection:

- Current Discovery Education subscribers will find these titles within that larger video collection
- Those without a current Discovery Education subscription should contact their local REMC to obtain access.

The RSVP collection is supported and maintained by REMCAM to insure equity of access to these digital resources by all teachers.

2010-2011 Use of the RSVP Collection



	Videos streamed: 522,572
	Segments streamed: 410,069
	Videos downloaded: 112,372
	Segments downloaded: 58,207
	Other: 70,674

Days of Discovery

Over 150 Michigan educators from all grade levels and all technology skill levels attended technology-infused “Days of Discovery” focused on creative ways to use digital media in the classroom.



The REMC Association of Michigan and Discovery Education partnered to bring six full days of multiple engaging professional development sessions for Michigan teachers. They learned techniques to inspire students, network with educators and maximize streaming resources.

The 2010-11 Days were hosted by REMC 2 Central, REMC 21, REMC 4, REMC 6, REMC 13 and REMC 14 East. There was no charge for participants at these events.

The Day of Discovery experience includes

- Deep exploration of the rich variety of digital content available within Discovery Education
- Integration strategies and exemplar learning experiences to bring digital content alive in your classroom and engage students across the curriculum
- Thorough exposure to a wealth of professional development resources including continuous support through the Discovery Educator Network.

Contact your local REMC director for a list of the six “Days of Discovery” to be offered across the state during the 2011-12 school year.

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