



Association Report 2022-2023

Message from the President

It has been a great year for REMC - not only for our Association, but for the army of talented and dedicated educational professionals who continue to build and share outstanding resources and learning opportunities to serve Michigan schools. This past year we have added several new projects, renewed our focus on partnerships with other organizations and increased our attendance at conferences and workshops. Through REMC SAVE, we helped school districts save over \$156 million last year.

We remain committed to providing proactive leadership in building a vision that supports quality teaching and learning, the effective use of educational technology and provides equity to pre-K-12 students. This Annual Report is a culmination of our work and the accomplishments towards this mission. Data and information is also included specific to each local REMC to further highlight the work that is taking place throughout the state of Michigan.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your REMC Association President. I see a bright future ahead and look forward to continuing our work in supporting Michigan educators and school districts.

Heather Kowalski, REMC Association President

Association Points of Pride

As an organization, we strive to improve learning, empower educators and provide savings. We continue to support new projects that enhance quality teaching, the effective use of educational technology and equity to Michigan's pre-K-12 students. This past year we expanded our outreach through exhibiting and presenting at numerous state-wide conferences and sharing newsletter articles and resources with partnering organizations.

2022-2023 Highlights:

Empower Educators: Professional Learning

- REMC Association offered 122 courses and reached about 1800 educators from all areas of Michigan. We had a high completion rate - 75% of those that started a course completed it.
 - Click on this [Map](#) to see public Michigan districts with educators completing courses.
- REMC Association offered 33 workshops reaching 427 educators; topics included a Podcasting in Education series, training for REMC Materials/Resources such as Promoting STEM Through Literature (PSTL) and new offerings around Esports and Modern Classroom.

- Local REMCs offered professional learning opportunities and specialized training for local area educators.
 - Local Professional Learning Funding offered through the REMC Association to date is \$840,000, with \$141,300 given during 2022-2023.
 - REMC Professional Learning funding provided at least 87 professional events at the local level to 26 of 28 local REMC centers.
- [Doodle for Your Noodle](#): This new project includes resources and training on how to teach sketchnoting to students and how to incorporate it into different content areas to improve comprehension.
- [Power Up Teaching and Learning](#): Ready to use resources designed to help educational professionals “power up” their common teaching practices using educational technology.
 - Topics include: Curriculum and Content Development, Digital Leader, Effective Communication, Learning Environment, Meaningful Data.
 - Educators have options in their use: explore the resource for self-learning, take a REMC course based on the resources, or use the resources to create custom professional learning for other educators.
- [Student Centered Learning Across Michigan](#) (SLAM): Designed to create a local support structure to help educators build their own elements of a blended, self-paced classroom.
 - Held 3 Cohort groups which included 66 registrants from 19 Local REMCs.
 - Twenty-two (22) completed the SLAM Companion Course and 32 are actively participating in the course.
 - Exit surveys showed the program was rated a 9 out of 10 and 100% said they would recommend the program to a colleague.
- [Technical Support Essential Skills](#) (TSES): Resources developed to provide an overview of essential technical skills for IT technicians entering school-based jobs.
 - Current topics include: Basic Networking, Cybersecurity Essentials, Professional Communication, Service Model Basics.
 - Technology leaders can access a [Facilitator's Guide](#) for suggestions and ideas on using the resources.

Provide Savings: REMC SAVE

- Schools in Michigan saved over \$150 million dollars in 2022 using REMC SAVE.
- Total savings since 1990 total over \$1.47 billion dollars.
- Schools purchased over 7 million items in 2022 via REMC SAVE.
- Schools purchased over \$250 million dollars of items through REMC SAVE.
- Attended conferences to re-engage with educators and vendors across Michigan.

Empower Educators: Classroom Resources

- [21Things4Students and MiTechKids](#): Provides lessons, activities and resources to help students grow their effective use of technology.
 - The two sites together had 2.5 million page views last year.
 - Updated teacher guides and student checklists, as well as ProProfs quizzes and vocabulary quizlet.

- Added 12 Breakout Interactive Games and updated 21Things4Students presentation slides.
 - Checked and updated all links, URL list and Awesome Index
- [Esports Amplified](#): Provides participating local REMC's with training, resources and equipment for facilitating professional development and supporting Esports programs in local school districts.
 - Hosted two virtual and one face-to-face sessions with a total of 78 participants.
 - Over 98% of participants would recommend the training to other educators.
 - The training offered a high level of geographic diversity, representing both lower and upper peninsulas.
 - A set of ten Nintendo Switch consoles were provided to each participating REMC.
- [MI Mystery Connect](#): This is a live video conference between two classrooms in Michigan in which students in each school are unaware of the location of the other school.
 - Created resources to help educators facilitate a connection.
 - Created and posted a registration form to organize connections.
- [MI Streamnet](#): A FREE to use, frustration-free streaming portal where teachers and administrators can place videos for parents and students to access without worry about unwanted advertising or interruptions.
 - 147,252 videos were watched (streamed) by users all over the state of Michigan.
 - Our streaming portal houses a collection of 3392 active public and private videos.
 - 225 active K-12 channels and subchannels.
 - Edupaths (a service of MAISA) has integrated MI Streamnet accounts into the Canvas LMS for Teacher/Authors to directly access their MI Streamnet videos for easy embed access into their courses.
- [Podcasting for Educators](#): Created to support those interested in podcasting, with a focus on using podcasting in education, these resources help answer common questions and how-to's.
 - Nearly 100 educators participated in one or more opportunities to learn and share about Podcasting in education
 - Held several series for thinking about, planning, and starting education-based podcasts - with students or as an educator.
 - Hosted a hands-on face-to-face workshop supporting educators through the entire process, ending in each recording their own podcast episode.
- [Promoting STEM Through Literature \(PSTL\)](#): These materials help educators use literature to get students excited about science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) by actively involving them in the design thinking process.
 - Held two virtual trainings with more than 50 participants.
 - Mailed boxes with books and materials to each participant.
 - Presented a training session at the MACUL conference.