



# Association Report 2021-2022

## Message from the President

It is safe to say that 2021-2022 was a year full of “new normals” and unique challenges. School districts, educators and students have had to face the unpredictability of the pandemic, school safety issues and the rising toll both have had on the mental health of students and staff. The REMC Association closely monitors the educational landscape and continues to offer programs and services for the betterment of teaching and learning.

Our mission is to provide proactive leadership to the Michigan educational community 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.

I am honored to serve as your REMC Association President. I look forward to collaborating and partnering to further advance the capacity of educators and support increased achievement for students.

Mark Lyons, REMC Association President

## Association Points of Pride

As an organization, we work together to improve learning, empower teachers and provide savings. We have made great strides in each of these areas and continue to look for ways to strengthen our mission.

Highlights include:

### *Professional Learning*

- REMC Association offered 112 courses and reached over 1900 educators from all areas of Michigan. We had a high completion rate - 67% of those that started a course completed it.
  - Click on this [Map](#) to see districts with educators completing courses.
- REMC Association offered 77 workshops reaching 450 educators. This year, many workshops were offered in partnership with other Michigan Educational Organizations including:
  - Computer Science series with Michigan Department of Education (MDE)
  - Military Awareness series with Michigan Electronic Library (MeL)
- Local REMCs offered professional learning opportunities and specialized training for local area educators.

- Local PD Funding offered through the REMC Association to date is \$840,000, with \$135,000 given during 2021-2022.
- REMC PD funding provided at least 78 professional events at the local level to 26 of 28 local REMC centers.

#### *REMC SAVE*

- Made a positive transition to a new Director after 22 successful years under previous leadership.
- Through REMC SAVE, Michigan schools have saved over \$1.3 Billion through 2021.
- 1.5 million devices sold from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, equalling more than one device for every student in the state during the pandemic.
- Attended conferences to re-engage with educators and vendors across Michigan.

#### *PLAYDATE MI*

- Partnered with MEMSPA to host a PLAYDATE at the leadership meeting, a PLAYDATE twitter chat and a virtual PLAYDATE.
- Hosted our first Computer Science PLAYDATE in partnership with MDE.
- Hosted our first in-person PLAYDATE at MACUL.
- Over 260 total in attendance in PLAYDATEs this year.

#### *21Things4Students and MiTechKids*

- The two sites together had 2.5 million page views last year.
- Updated the formative assessments to a more accessible format.
- Added eight Breakout Room Activities to several Quests.

#### *Esports*

- 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.

#### *MI Streamnet*

- 167,322 videos were watched (streamed) by users all over the state of Michigan.
- Our streaming portal houses a collection of 2952 active public videos and 58 active private videos.
- 232+ active K-12 channels and subchannels.
- Hosted four live statewide events during the 2021-2022 school year.