

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Instruction Product Workshop**The Classroom Performance System (CPS)****Pinnacle Peak Conference Room 2**

CPS is an easy-to-use wireless response system that gathers immediate feedback from every student. This technology enables teachers to customize instruction, engage student learning, provide immediate feedback, streamline grading, and export results. Come and discover how one educational service agency in Pennsylvania has partnered with instruction to provide local support and create an additional source of revenue.

Presenter

Bob Cahagan, Educational Consultant

Scott C. Kinney, Director of Educational Technologies, Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

WGBH Educational Product Workshop**Teachers' Domain Professional Development – Online Multimedia****Courses Teaching K-12 Science****Wildflower B**

Participants in this product demonstration workshop will be taken on a multimedia tour of the Teachers' Domain Professional Development online courses. The courses enhance science content knowledge and draw on videos from NOVA, PBS programs, and other interactive multimedia resources. Attendees will come away understanding why one teacher who recently took a Teachers' Domain course said, "This has been the most beneficial professional course I have ever taken!"

Presenter

Eric Friedman, Product Marketing Specialist, Teachers' Domain Professional Development

4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

AESA Business Meeting**Pinnacle Peak Conference Room 2**

All AESA members are invited to attend the AESA business meeting. The executive director and council will discuss with the membership the progress made on strategic initiatives. The membership will also have the opportunity to hear from the candidates who are running for this year's council positions. This is the chance to offer feedback to AESA council and staff on various association issues.

Saturday at a Glance

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Past/Current Council Members' Meeting

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Coffee Service

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Breakout Sessions & Product Workshops

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Breakout Sessions & Product Workshops

10:30 - 12:30 p.m. Brunch & Closing General Session

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Past/Current Council Members' Meeting

Wildflower A

This meeting is open to all past and current AESA council members.

7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

Coffee Service

Grand Ballroom Foyer & Desert Conference Suites Foyer

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

AESA Executives in Residence Program Meeting

The Chairman's Boardroom

This session will be an overview of a new program sponsored by the AESA Council and the Membership Services Committee. Come and hear how this program will work and receive perspectives from the pilot program participants, as well as from Council members on potential participation from your agency. This program is looking for serious candidates who wish to be future executives in service agencies, as well as host agencies for visitations.

Presenter

Jada Rupley, Assistant Superintendent, Children, Youth and Family Services, Vancouver, WA

Cliff Carmody, Deputy Executive Director, Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative Marshall, MN

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

A Consortium Approach to Web-Based Parental Involvement**Entrepreneurial Initiatives: Developing Resources for Schools and Agencies That Serve Them**

An important part of insuring that students achieve in the classroom is to keep parents informed of student progress and involving them in the educational process. Kalamazoo RESA led a consortium of school districts in Southwest Michigan to choose EdLine to facilitate communication between teachers, parents, and students. The presentation will address issues such as how this implementation goes above and beyond the traditional school web site, integrating school information from various sources, how the system changes the interaction between teacher and parent, and practical feedback from districts using EdLine.

Presenter

Donald Dailey, Director of Technology Services, Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency, Kalamazoo, MI

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Challenging All Students - Sharing, Offering and Learning More, Globally and Online**Desert Conference Suite 2****Technology: Transforming Learning**

How can ESAs help schools meet the requirements of NCLB, continue educational initiatives, and deal with dwindling resources? Join a panel of ESA Directors who will discuss how online education has increased educational opportunities for students, tapping into educational resources not usually available in schools, and using technology and the Internet in a cost-effective and educationally sound manner, which transcends barriers of time and place. Learn how online education is delivered by the Virtual High School, a non-profit collaborative of over 200 national and international high schools offering semester based, online education to high school students, which provides an innovative and economical program for its members. Learn about VHS initiatives, including online International Baccalaureate, AP courses, and summer school courses. Learn how to identify and assess the critical skills needed to challenge all students.

Presenter

Doreen Marvin, Director of Development & Virginia Secombe, Executive Director, LEARN, Old Lyme, CT

Michael Palladino, Executive Director, ACCEPT Collaborative, Natick, MA
Liz Pape, CEO, Virtual High School, Maynard, MA

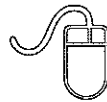
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Closing the Gap Between Assessment and Instruction

Desert Conference Suite 3

Technology: Transforming Learning

Region IV ESC and Edusoft have created a partnership that delivers quality assessments and superior scoring and data analysis. The partnership provides comprehensive assessment solutions to Texas school districts and campuses to improve student performance. The partnership offers educators the ability to test with pre-loaded standards across grade levels and content areas, to view TEKS and TAKS student performance analysis on one report, and to utilize data to make subsequent instructional decisions for individual students and groups of students. Overall, this partnership is helping educators to close the gap between assessment and instruction.



Presenter

Andy Pechacek, Managing Director, Financial Services, Region IV Education Service Center, Houston, TX

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Governance in ESDs for the 21st Century

Grand Canyon 11

Leadership: Governance, Board Development and Policy

This presentation will share the governance approaches used in the High Desert ESD in Central Oregon, which involves local school district superintendents, local school district and school board members, ESD board members, and administrative staff. Information will be included on our budget committee, Quality Council, sub-committee structure used by our board of directors, and regional committee structure used in the decision-making process.



Presenter

Dennis F. Dempsey, Superintendent, High Desert Education Service District, Redmond, OR

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

High School Graduate Follow-up Study

Grand Canyon 12



Leadership: Governance, Board Development and Policy

It is increasingly important for schools to utilize data for decision-making. The Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) has implemented a survey of the graduates from our area high schools. At two critical points, after one year and five years of graduation, students are given the opportunity to assess the quality of their high school experience and provide feedback to educators on how well the education system prepared them for further education, community participation, and employment. The survey provides accurate rates of higher education completion as well as income and employment statistics for graduates. It should be noted that follow-up studies of high school graduates are extremely rare. The survey method was able to locate an impressive 2,837 members of the Class of 2002 and 2,086 members of the Class of 1998. This census of graduates is probably the most authentic assessment of school effectiveness that can be undertaken. Participants will be provided with a review of the data and the process. It should be noted that follow-up studies of high school graduates are extremely rare. Participants will be provided with a review of the data and the process.

Presenter

William C. Miller, Superintendent, Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ann Arbor, MI

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Home-Growing Effective Leaders

Through a Successful Partnership

Grand Canyon 9

Leadership: Governance, Board Development and Policy

The 26 component districts of the rural region Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES in Western New York have found fewer applicants for administrative positions. The Wayne-Finger Lakes Leadership Institute, a partnership between the BOCES, the districts, and four local colleges, is proving to be a viable solution for preparing effective leaders who are willing to stay in the region. This session will provide participants with replicable details for establishing a leadership institute to home-grow administrators. Topics will include the flexibility and synergy of the partnership, the nomination process, mentoring, college classes, and a paid internship.

Presenter

Marla J. Iverson, Director of Staff Development and Inst. Technology, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, Newark, NY

Joseph Marinelli, District Superintendent, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, Newark, NY

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Learning Online in Rural and Alternative Environments
Desert Conference Suite 6



Technology: Transforming Learning

In a technologically global society, educators are required to teach in non-traditional classrooms, to think BIG, and to 'reach students by moving outside of the box.' It is fun, it is challenging, and it is critical if we will LEAVE NO CHILD BEHIND.

Presenter

Dewey D. Blackledge, Executive Director, SCMCEED - South Central Mississippi Consortium, Laurel, MS

Michael R. Metwick, President/CEO, Pinnacle Education, Phoenix, AZ

Dick Nangle, Vice-President, Online Learning, Pinnacle Education, Phoenix, AZ

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Making it Safe to be Smart—
Deconstructing the Myths of High Ability Learners
Grand Canyon 10



Quality Education: Enhancing Student Performance For All

This session is designed for administrators and counselors who want to address the emotional and academic needs of students with high potential. In a PowerPoint presentation, Gifted/Talented Coordinators, Vaughn Musser and Judy Herron, will showcase six effective barriers to success that are characteristic of our brightest and best. Their eighty-one-page publication, "Gifted and Talented 101: A Guide for Counselors, Teachers and Families," further explores these barriers with descriptions, print and web resources, and sample lesson plans that may be used by school personnel to "make it safe to be smart." Every audience member will receive a CD of this publication.

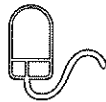
Presenter

Judy Herron & Vaughn Musser, Coordinators for Gifted and Talented Programs, Columbiana County Educational Service Center, Lisbon, OH

Partnerships for Excellence: Building Bridges for Instructional Technology in RESAs

Desert Conference Suite 8

Technology: Transforming Learning



This session will highlight several Pennsylvania Intermediate Units and partnerships, which have been formed to develop excellence and stretch dollars. Partnerships with the state, other intermediate units, and local school districts have led to excellence in providing teacher professional development in educational technology through an ACTS (Aligning Curriculum and Technology to Standards) grant and a statewide Keystone Integrators program to recognize leadership in educational technology. These programs are aligned with national and state priorities for developing highly qualified teachers. Partnerships with Community Colleges, districts, and county government have led to cost effective implementation of a high-speed network, including Internet 2, distance learning via video conferencing, and digital curriculum to deliver opportunities to make sure no child is left behind.

Presenter

Shirley Crehan, IMS Director & Carol Teitelman, Instructional Technology Specialist, Bucks County Intermediate Unit, Doylestown, PA
Holly Jobe, IMS Director, Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, Norristown, PA

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

**The Development of a Statewide Data
Warehousing Service through ESA Collaboration
Grand Canyon 13**



*Entrepreneurial Initiatives: Developing Resources for Schools
and Agencies That Serve Them*

The Connecticut Data Warehouse, powered by Tetra Data, is offered to school districts in Connecticut through the Connecticut Alliance of

Regional Educational Services Centers (RESCs). In the spring of 2003, a collaborative effort, including the six ESAs in the Connecticut and South Carolina-based TetraData, began to offer to districts the ability to participate in a state-wide data warehouse. The presentation will focus on the primary areas of business relationships, technical requirements, and professional development and support. As of July 1, 2004, over 70 of 166 districts will be participating in the Connecticut Data Warehouse project. The efforts of six regional educational services centers (RESCs) in Connecticut will be discussed as they pertain to the above areas of focus. The efforts of the Connecticut RESC Alliance, in developing a partnership with a leading provider of data warehousing solutions, coupled with the innovative combination of resources, local, state, and federal, have resulted in a milestone initiative moving districts toward data systems that provide real support in making instructional decisions.

Presenter

David Calchera, Executive Director & Paula Colen, Deputy Executive Director, Eastconn, Hampton, CT

Greg Dandio, Chief Technology Officer, Area Cooperative Educational Services, North Haven, CT