

# WCED Collaborative Workshop: MLK10 Breakout Sessions

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## ***Breakout Session 1: Introduction to Handheld Interactive Boards***

**Presenter:**

Garry Nelson - Technology Coordinator for Sauk Centre Schools

**Description:** Free yourself from the front of the classroom with a handheld interactive board. Have your students interact with your lesson using materials you already have created. Short introduction, then "play time"

**Target Audience:** Classroom teachers, technology people

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## ***Breakout Session 2: Your Online/Digital Footprint: How Does It Impact You?***

**Presenter:**

Belinda Selfors, Principal - Sauk Centre Junior High School

**Description:** All of us have an online/digital footprint. Did you know that social networking sites have an impact on your online/digital footprint? If you are interested in finding out more about your own online/digital footprint (or that of your children and/or students), this session is for you!

**Target Audience:** Any staff member - in particular, those staff who may have a personal social networking site (or their children, students, etc.).

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## ***Breakout Session 3: Standards Based IEPs***

**Presenters:**

Maura O'Connor, Special Education Coordinator, Alycia Long, Special Education Teacher, Paynesville Middle School

**Description:** This break out session is an introduction to standards based IEPs. What are they, why are we transitioning to them and how do we do them? Participants will leave this presentation with a basic knowledge of standards based IEPs.

**Target Audience:** Audience: Special Education Teachers K-12, Regular Education Staff, Administrators. This session would not be appropriate for individuals who work with students under the categorical placement of Developmental Delay (DD).

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## ***Session 4: Teaching Vocabulary: Strategies Beyond Matching and Definition Writing***

**Presenters:**

Karen Maschler (Sauk Centre) & Deb Gillman (Paynesville)

**Description:** Learn how to focus the long lists of vocabulary the textbook provides for each chapter. Come away from this session with three to five new vocabulary strategies that you can use in your classroom tomorrow.

**Target Audience:** Secondary Staff

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### **Session 5: Understanding WCED Alternative Programs**

**Presenters:**

Karol Bischoff-Klug, ALC Teacher, Becky Hiltner, ALC Office Manager, Laurie Osterman, Beacon Supervisor

**Description of your session:** This session will describe 2 programs operated by the West Central Education District. The Area Learning Center is located in Melrose and serves students who are at-risk in grades 7 through 12+. The Beacon program is located in Sauk Centre and works with students in grades 4-7 who have emotional or behavioral disorders. The purpose of the programs along with criteria for referral and enrollment will be shared.

**Target audience:** Any

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### **Session 6: GoogleDocs/ZohoWriter: Online Word Processing**

**Presenter:**

Cathy Studer, Media Specialist, Albany Jr/Sr High School

**Description:** Do you, or your students, have difficulty transferring documents from home to school because of compatibility issues? Try using a free online word processor. Both GoogleDocs and ZohoWriter will be explored at this session.

**Target audience:** Beginning users of GoogleDocs and ZohoWriter

**Suggested pre-requisite or reading you would recommend for attendees prior to attendance:**

I would like the attendees to create an account for these sites prior to MLK Day. Please let me know how to best give them step-by-step directions on doing this.

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### **Session 7: Minnesota Public School Finance and You (Teachers)**

**Presenter:** Dan Brooks - Sauk Centre Superintendent of Schools

**Description of your session:** This session will be a brief overview of the most complicated of the 50 states' school funding system.

**Target audience:** Any teacher concerned about resources for funding our schools

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### **Session 8: Discovering Online Content For Classrooms: Exploring iTunes U**

**Presenter:** Doug Millaway - WCED Executive Director

**Description of your session:**

This session will be a hands-on opportunity to spend time exploring iTunes U for relevant content for your classroom. Content includes streaming video, podcasts, and other media.

**Target audience:**

Any teacher willing to explore new horizons.

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***Session 9: How to Support Your Student's Success with Perspectives***

**Presenter:** Tamara Schultz - Director of Curriculum WCED

**Description of your session:** In this session teachers will learn about an exciting new program to provide educational resources for all students taking the statewide MCA Tests. Teachers will learn how to use this resource which supplies libraries of games, interactive activities, videos, and worksheets to help students succeed.

**Target audience:**

Grades 3-11 Teachers, Paras, Specialists, Administrators

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***Session 10-A: Supporting Number Sense in Grades K-6***

**Presenter:** Christy Hemp—SW/WC Service Cooperative Math Specialist & School Improvement Specialist

**Description:** Number sense is an intuitive feel for numbers & their relationships that develops when children solve problems for themselves. This session will focus on defining the concept of number sense, emerging strategies that children develop regarding number sense, and ways that we can help students develop number sense. Participants are encouraged to bring any lessons, activities, and strategies that they are currently using to foster number sense in their students.

**Target audience:** Grade level teachers, sped & ELL teachers, paraprofessionals & administrators

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***Session 10-B: Bridging Math Knowledge in Grades 7-12***

**Presenter:** Christy Hemp—SW/WC Service Cooperative Math Specialist & School Improvement Specialist

**Description:** How can we help students access their years of math experience efficiently? Our 7th grade students come to us with at least 7 years of math experience. This session will focus on a MN Math Standard Strand while linking student learning to specific math vocabulary, strategies for learning math vocabulary, and strategies for accessing our students' prior math knowledge.

**Target audience:** Grade level teachers, sped & ell teachers, paraprofessionals & administrators.

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***Session 11 A&B: Getting Started with ELLs: What can I do tomorrow in my classroom?***

**Presenter:** Dr. Anne Dahlman - MSU, Mankato: K-12 and Secondary Programs

**Description of your session:** The participants will explore and practice the following topics:

- What do I need to know about my ELLs?
- What are some strategies for helping my ELLs academically/with the English language?
- How can I connect with/relate to my ELLs and their culture?

**Target audience:** Elementary (Section B) - MS/HS (Section A)

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***Session 12: Paraprofessionals In The Classroom***

**Presenter:** Deb Miller

**Description of your session:** The paraprofessional in the classroom has a profound impact on the learning environment. This session will explore and connect the role of the paraprofessional with student goals and classroom teacher expectations for optimum learning to occur.

**Target audience:** Classroom teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators.

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***Session 13: Moodle: An Online Component of the Traditional Classroom***

**Presenter:** Jennifer Hiltner - Moodle Specialist for Albany Area Schools

**Description of your session:** This session will focus on how to begin using Moodle with your own classes. We will be learning how to format your Moodle page, upload documents, and effective strategies for student success using Moodle.

**Target audience:** Classroom teachers interested in creating an online component to their traditional classrooms.

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***Session 14: Children's Literature - What's New - Print & Web / Do you know your ELM?***

**Presenter:** Joan Eibensteiner - Albany Avon Elementary Media Specialist

**Description of your session:** This session will focus on recently published books that can be used in your classroom as curriculum links or read alouds. Both easy and chapter books will be covered. I will also introduce you to websites that are new to the ELM family (Electronic Library for Minnesota). As well as a couple of new websites available through GRRL.

**Target audience:** K - 6

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***Session 15 A&B: Using Viewpoint to Enhance Classroom Performance***

**Presenter:** Jan Brunell- CMERDC

**Description of your session:** This session will focus on using the Viewpoint Data Warehousing software to more clearly understand your students and their performance in your classroom. Session A will be an introductory session, while Session B is intended for those with previous experience using the system.

**Target audience:** Any