

# MEDIA AND TECH TALK

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

You can take advantage of many opportunities for technology trainings this summer including:

### **BLACKBOARD:**

The first annual Michigan K-12 Blackboard Users Conference will be held on August 6, 2009 at Clinton County RESA in St. Johns, MI. This is free to all attendees, and includes snacks and a luncheon. SBCEU's and a book will be provided to all participants. There will be a variety of session tracks: for new Blackboard users, for Collaborations and Professional Learning Communities, Blackboard Administrators, and Organizations and Power Users. Sessions will include: Getting Started, Assessment, Gradebook, Quizzes and Surveys, SafeAssign, Blogging and Journaling, Peer and self-assessment, Adaptive release and notification dashboard, and New Blackboard 9.0 Features. Guests from Blackboard Corporation will be delivering sessions throughout the day, as well as teacher-users and ISD trainers from across the state.

Register: <http://www.tinyurl.com/dbxfvc>

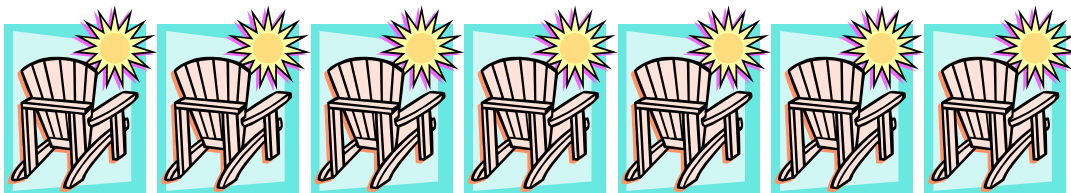
### **WEB 2.0 TOOLS:**

Sign up for 23 things you need to know offered by Wayne RESA at:

<http://resa-23things.blogspot.com/>

**Registration to open soon - Summer 2009 Session: June 22 through August 28**

Over a period of 10 weeks, you will complete 23 Things to become familiar with a variety of Web 2.0 tools. Everything you need is available here so that you can work on your own time, at your own pace.



## **REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY:**

Register now for the RTA this summer,

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/inghamisd/cw/CourseByCateg.asp>

Classes begin on July 27-31, the cost for these sessions are \$20.00 for a half day and \$40.00 for a full day.

## **WORTH THE SURF:**

### **Michigan Educators Get MORE**

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The Library of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Education and Wayne State University announced “MORE in MeL.org” (Michigan Online Resources for Educators at <http://more.mel.org> ) at the 2009 Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) conference.

[MORE](#) is a growing Web-based collection of thousands of high-quality, digitally available information resources that gives teachers a significant edge in providing an enhanced educational experience for their students. Not only offering readily available resources and helping with grade level and high school content expectations, it’s FREE!

More info at: [Michigan Educators Get MORE Quality Teaching Tools and Resources](#)

## **DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:**

The District Technology Committee met on April 23, 2009. The following items were discussed or reviewed:

1. 2009-2012 Technology Plan was reviewed the following goals have been approved for the next three years:
  - Analyze data to align curriculum assessment and instruction through the use of technology.
  - Provide Wide Area Network to enhance learning and communication equitably to community, parents, staff and students.
  - Provide training to assist in technology integration to support curriculum, based on building specific needs for all staff.
  - Provide an integrated technology curriculum through all subject areas in alignment with state and national standards.
  - Educate and provide appropriate expectations for using a technology-rich environment.

2. Software/Hardware Grid was reviewed and can be found on page 30 of the new technology plan which is posted at  
<http://www.charlottenet.org/technology/techplan.pdf>

3. Policies – suggested changes were identified  
*Copyright Policy – School Board Policy*

*Web Page Publishing Guidelines – School Board Policy*

*Charlotte Public Schools Acceptable Use Policy*  
*Electronic Information Access and Use for Educational Purposes*  
*Member Responsibility Declaration (2005)*

*Charlotte Public Schools - Request for Technology Access (2002)*

*Charlotte Public Schools - Teacher Guidelines for internet use with a class*

4. ISTE Standards – There are new teacher standards out through ISTE and the teacher rubric for technology will be reviewed to re-align. The standards can be found at:

[http://www.iste.org/Content/NavigationMenu/NETS/ForTeachers/2008Standards/NETS\\_for\\_Teachers\\_2008.htm](http://www.iste.org/Content/NavigationMenu/NETS/ForTeachers/2008Standards/NETS_for_Teachers_2008.htm)

5. Smart Pen demo- Laura Griffith, EISD – see a demo of this assistive technology at [livescribe.com](http://livescribe.com)

6. Other – New student Michigan Educational Technology Standards have been drafted to align with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Framework. Both items can be viewed at:

a. [www.techplan.org](http://www.techplan.org)

b. [www.21stcenturyskills.org](http://www.21stcenturyskills.org)

