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NOVEMBER 12 – 14, 2023

CRAGUN'S RESORT ON GULL LAKE | BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

Join us as we celebrate the strength and impact of Greater Minnesota education and share practices and programs. MREA's Greater Education Summit is the only conference in the state that brings together educators, administrators, school board members and other advocates across Greater Minnesota for quality professional development, networking, and career recognition.

Register for three days of inspiring educator recognition, timely and relevant professional development, and networking with education peers from throughout Greater Minnesota.

**"I HAD GREAT CONVERSATIONS WITH A VARIETY OF PROFESSIONALS—SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. I LOVE THE PROFESSIONAL ENERGY IN CELEBRATING AND LEARNING FROM SUCCESS!"**

### Full Summit Highlights

- **Kick-off Celebration & Awards Banquet** honoring educators and the innovation we're seeing in Greater Minnesota schools. Join us in person or via the livestream on November 12.



- **Keynote Speakers** to help you celebrate rural vitality and explore your role in creating a welcoming work environment.
- **35+ Breakout Sessions** on a variety of relevant topics for teachers, school administrators and school board members.
- **Summit Showcase** vendor exhibits of best practices for schools today.
- **Networking** with education professionals next door and across the state
- **All meals are included** Sunday Awards Banquet through Tuesday breakfast
- **Northern Minnesota** location that is restful, yet invigorating

#### EARLY BIRD SAVINGS THROUGH AUGUST 15

MREA Members who register through August 15 will save 10 percent off admission rates. No refunds will be given for cancellation of Early Bird registrations.

#### ADD SUMMIT SHOWCASE TO SHOW & SHARE

MREA Members who register for the Full Summit can host an information booth at the Showcase for no additional charge. Check the "Showcase" box when registering. Member registration for the Showcase Only (no full Summit registration) opens August 16.

#### REMINDERS

- All admission fees are *per attendee*, and each attendee must be registered.
- Team admission requires at least 3 non-discounted Summit registrations for employees/Board from the same MREA member organization.
- All guests accompanying attendees must reserve and pay for meals consumed at Cragun's. Guest dining reservations open in October.
- Registration closes October 23.

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### Full Summit Registration

#### INDIVIDUALS

##### **MREA Members**

- Early Bird Rate – \$315 (through Aug 15)
- Standard Rate – \$350

##### **Non-Members**

- Standard Rate – \$1,200 per person (Registration Opens Sept 1)

#### TEAMS (3+ PEOPLE FROM SAME ORGANIZATION)

##### **MREA Members Only**

- Early Bird Rate – \$247.50 per person (through Aug 15)



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### MREA Members

- Standard Rate – \$250 (Registration opens Aug 16)

### Non-Members

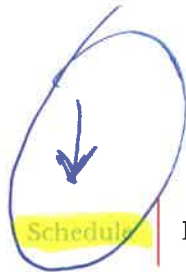
- Standard Rate – \$800 per person (Registration opens Sept 1)

### Substitutions & Cancellations

- EARLY BIRD registrations are not refundable.
- SUBSTITUTIONS are welcome any time, even onsite at the Summit. Call the MREA office when known in advance.
- CANCELLATIONS through October 31 will incur a \$35 processing fee per person. No refunds will be provided after Oct. 31 for any reason.
- NO-SHOWS will not receive a refund and will be invoiced for outstanding fees.

**\*\*Registration closes for all rates October 23.\***

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2:00 pm Future Educators Workshop – Tech 1 (students only)

4:00 pm Summit &amp; Hotel Check-in Begins – Poolside &amp; Hotel Lobby

5:30 pm Social Hour – Event Centre

6:00 pm Awards Banquet – Event Centre

7:30 pm Honoree Reception &amp; Dessert – Poolside

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

7:00 am Breakfast Begins – Main Dining Room

8:15 am Welcome and Opening Keynote – Event Centre

9:45 am Break – Event Centre

10:00 am Breakout Sessions 1

11:15 am Breakout Sessions 2

12:15 pm Lunch – Main Dining Room

1:30 pm Breakout Sessions 3

2:45 pm Break – Poolside

3:00 pm Mindstorm – Poolside

4:00 pm Legislative Session – Main Dining Room | Sam Walseth

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5:00 pm Summit Showcase & Light Dinner – Event Centre ([view 2022 vendors here](#))

7:00 pm Member Meetup – Poolside

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

School Spirit Day! Wear logo apparel from the school from which you graduated or from your current school.

7:00 am Breakfast Begins – Main Dining Room

8:15 am Breakout Sessions 4

9:30 am Closing Session – Event Centre

10:30 am Closing, CEU pickup

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Below are the Keynote Speakers for 2023.



**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 8:30 AM**

## Rural People as Powerful Agents of Change

OPENING KEYNOTE – TULEAH PALMER

### RURAL PEOPLE AS POWERFUL AGENTS OF CHANGE

MREA is excited to welcome Tuleah Palmer as the Opening Keynote for the 2023 Greater Education Summit. Tuleah will be addressing the macro rural issues affecting education and how to transition old & new values so Greater Minnesota doesn't become lesser Minnesota.

Tuleah is the President and CEO of Blandin Foundation, where she oversees grantmaking, public policy initiatives and stewardship of foundation resources. Throughout her 20 years of nonprofit executive experience, she has focused on community and economic development, workforce development and systems change. Previously, she served as the executive director of the Northwest Indian Community Development Center in Bemidji and has led numerous organizations through strategic planning and program redesign. She has secured and managed

over \$100 million in grants and successfully acquired funding more than a dozen times at the state capitol.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 9:30 AM

## **Cultivate Youth Well-Being for the Future of Education**

CLOSING KEYNOTE – BRANDON JONES

Brandon Jones will close the MREA Greater Education Summit on Tuesday morning, November 14. Brandon's keynote, "Cultivate Youth Well-Being for the Future of Education," will motivate and inspire educators.



Brandon is the Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health Executive Director & consultant. He specializes in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Historical and Intergenerational trauma, Social/Emotional Intelligence (EQ), Leadership, and Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI). Brandon holds a B.A. in Sociology from the University of Minnesota, a Masters's in Community Psychology from Metropolitan State University, and a Masters's in Psychotherapy (MFT) from Adler Graduate School. Brandon is also a 2018 Bush Foundation Leadership Fellow. He lives by the motto of "Live Life with Purpose on Purpose."

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Breakout Sessions

## Session 1: 10-11 am, Monday, Nov 13

- ^ (101) Discover Your District's REAL Data | Lakeshore 1
- ^ (102) (Re)Building Trust for Referendum Communications | Lakeshore 2
- ^ (103) Rural MN Food Service Funding & Issues | Paul Bunyan 1
- ^ (104) Active Schools = Active Minds | Pioneer
- ^ (105) Connecting Innovative Student Experiences to the Community | Paul Bunyan 4
- ^ (106) Expanding Access: Remote Special Education | Paul Bunyan 2
- ^ (107) Generative AI: Implications for Education | Lakeshore 4
- ^ (108) Four Models for Arts Integration | Tech 1

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- ^ (110) Fostering a Safe and Supportive School Climate | Lakeshore 3
- ^ (111) Equip Paras to Pass Competency Exams | Dutch
- ^ (112) Teacher Recruitment & Retention Challenges Post-COVID-19 | Room 371
- ^ (STUDENTS) Ace Your Interview | Tech 2

## Session 2: 11:15 am-12:15 pm, Monday, Nov 13

- ^ (201) MREA Advocacy in Action | Lakeshore 1
- ^ (202) Data-Driven Technology Planning for Districts | Lakeshore 4
- ^ (203) Navigating the Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) Landscape | Paul Bunyan 1
- ^ (204) PANEL: Frameworks for Maximizing Educational and Financial ROI | Pioneer
- ^ (205) Managing Screens Using the Wisdom of Harm Reduction | Lakeshore2
- ^ (206) Explore Four Principles of Structured Literacy| Paul Bunyan 2
- ^ (207) Indoors No More: Place-Based Learning | Paul Bunyan 3
- ^ (208) Employment Outcomes of Minnesota Graduates: Where Are They Now? | Dutch
- ^ (209) CRSL: Growing Principals' Confidence and Practice | Paul Bunyan 4
- ^ (210) Bridging the School and Community Divide | Lakeshore 3
- ^ (211) Courage Under Fire | Tech 1
- ^ (STUDENTS) Interviewing Insights | Tech 2

## Session 3: 1:30-2:45 pm, Monday, Nov 13

- ^ (301) Understanding School Finance 101 | Lakeshore 1
- ^ (302) Re-Imagining Tomorrow - Today | Dutch
- ^ (303) Cybersecurity Is Critical to Academic Success | Lakeshore 4

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- ^ (306) From Time to Task -- Competency-Based Education | Pioneer
- ^ (307) Blueprint for Student Resilience & Persistence | Paul Bunyan 1
- ^ (308) PANEL: Cultivating Excellence in Rural Education | Lakeshore 3
- ^ (309) Understanding Conscious and Unconscious Bias | Paul Bunyan 2
- ^ (310) MSUM Infuse Mental Health Grant | Lakeshore 2
- ^ (STUDENTS) Administrator Q&A | Tech 2

#### Session 4: 8:15-9:15 am, Tuesday, Nov 14

- ^ (401) Building Change Through Community Partnerships | Lakeshore 4
- ^ (402) Maximizing Construction Project Proceeds | Paul Bunyan 1
- ^ (403) World of Responsible Kids (WORK) Program | Pioneer
- ^ (404) Engaging Students Through New Technologies | Paul Bunyan 2
- ^ (405) AI: Education is Shifting Again | Lakeshore 1
- ^ (406) PANEL: Rural Teacher Leadership | Lakeshore 2
- ^ (407) Time to Chat: Nurturing School Climate and Staff Resilience | Lakeshore 3

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