



## New SMS for MAISD Customers

The MAISD Board of Education approved the purchase of Pinnacle SIS at the November Board meeting, and a contract has been signed. We have had our official kick-off meeting with Excelsior's Implementation Team and are now in the beginning stages of implementing this new product. We are still working on specific dates and time lines for implementation and will share these as soon as we have them.

The following districts will be in the Year One conversion:

Fruitport	Ravenna
Holton	Reeths-Puffer
Mona Shores	West MI Christian
North Muskegon	Muskegon Catholic
Oakridge	
MAISD—CTC and Wesley School	

An estimate of our time line is that equipment acquisition and installation, data conversion, administrative training, and end-user training will occur this winter. We are hopeful that the Year One districts will begin their next year scheduling for the secondary schools in February. Training for elementary schools in those districts will then follow, with the entire district using the new program live for the 2010-11 school year.

State Reporting for the Spring 2010 and the June 2010 submissions will continue to come from CIMS, being switched over to the Pinnacle solution after that. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Sherri Zok at MAISD.

For the remaining districts, business will continue pretty much as usual for the upcoming year. They will go through the data conversion and training processes next fall for the 2011-12 school year implementation. The MAISD staff is ready to move forward on our new SMS and will keep you informed as we learn more details about the implementation process.

## MACUL Leadership Awards

Each year, the Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning recognizes exemplary leadership in classroom teaching with technology, and building and district technology leadership. Three categories are awarded: Outstanding Educator of the Year, Outstanding Teacher of the Year and Technology Coordinator of the Year. Do you have a colleague or staff member who stands out and should be considered for these awards? The MACUL Outstanding Leader Program is a perfect opportunity to recognize great work and contributions to your school and district. The SMARTer Kids Foundation will donate a \$14,000 prize package to the winners in the Outstanding Educator and Teacher categories. The prize package includes a SMART board, digital projector, airliner wireless slate and student response system.



Information and applications can be found at

[http://www.macul.org/  
grantsawards/200910maculawardinformation](http://www.macul.org/grantsawards/200910maculawardinformation)

Deadline for the 2010 awards is Friday, January 8, 2010. For more information, contact Ieva Kule in the MACUL office at [ikule@macul.org](mailto:ikule@macul.org).

### Important Upcoming Dates

1/21 – Tech Coordinators mtg., 10:00-1:00,  
Huron/Superior Room, (lunch provided)

## MI StreamNet

The REMC Association continues to sponsor the REMC MI StreamNet project. MI StreamNet is a portal to Live and On-Demand professional development and legislative videos for Michigan educators. MI StreamNet uses the internet and Apple's Quicktime technology to deliver these video events to the user's computer, free of charge. State Board meetings, presentations on Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, information sessions on MEAP and MME and on Title I, plus Algebra for All training, and much more are available at [www.mistreamnet.org](http://www.mistreamnet.org).

## VOIP

MAISD has moved to a new Voice Over Internet Protocol phone system. The new system will be scalable for any districts that may be interested in utilizing the fiber network to implement a new phone system and potentially save money. If you have questions please contact Randy.



### **Technology Services Wiki**

[www.maisdtechnologyservices.wetpaint.com](http://www.maisdtechnologyservices.wetpaint.com)

Check the wiki for MAISD tech services information, including a calendar of events

### **Tech Integration Blog**

<http://blogs.muskegonisd.org/techintegration>

### **Technology Services Blog**

<http://blogs.muskegonisd.org/techservices>

### **MUNIS Moodle Site**

<http://moodle.muskegonisd.org/course/view.php?id=101>

Links to helpful MUNIS documents, agendas for meetings, video tutorials, and more!

## Data Warehouse Grant

Kent ISD applied for and received a competitive educational technology grant for Regional Data Initiative. This grant is meant to provide consortiums of ISD's with funding to help teachers use data from local data warehouses to drive their instruction. Kent's consortium will include Ionia, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo and Ottawa ISD's. This grant complements the professional development work that has already been done in IGOR. The grant will allow our local districts continued professional development around using data to inform instruction, as well as continue the delay of the costs to local districts for IGOR for at least one more year. Currently, this is the last school year that MAISD is slated to cover the cost of IGOR for schools in the county.

## Seat Time Waivers

In an effort to expand opportunities for Michigan high school students, State Superintendent Flanagan has invited high schools to seek waivers from the Administrative Rules and Pupil Accounting Rules that cause barriers to innovation and student academic success. The Genesee ISD Seat Time Waiver (STW) expands learning options for high school students while still allowing the pupil to be counted for membership. In order to accomplish this, sections of the MDE Pupil Accounting Manual and Administrative Rules were waived with certain provisions. All districts in Muskegon County have signed a memorandum of understanding with Genesee ISD, in order to participate in the Seat Time Waiver Program. For more information, see [GenNet Blackboard page](#) and/or contact Randy Lindquist at 231-767-7229.

