New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders Conference A Success!

Thanks to all of you—administrators, presenters, vendors, special guests—for making this year’s conference a success. Your energy was felt during the keynotes and breakout sessions. The reception was a relaxing and enjoyable time as we listened to “Mariachi Unido entertain us through the evening.

NMCEL Members Approve Changes to By-laws

The NMCEL Board requested approval from the membership to change language in Section 1, C of By-laws regarding the Vice President’s position. The membership voted unanimously to make the change below:

**Current Language**

Section 1. NMCEL Officers

The officers of the association shall be a President, the immediate Past President and a Vice President.

C. Vice President. The Vice President shall be elected by the Executive Board and shall serve a one-year term. The Vice President may be elected to an additional successive one year term.

**New Language:**

Section 1, C. President-elect: The President-elect shall be elected by the Executive Board and shall serve a two year term. No affiliate organization will hold the office of President-elect for successive terms. The President-elect of NMCEL can only be elected from among Board representatives and must have had experience on the board within the previous three years. The President - elect will assume the duties of President during the absence of the President or if the President can no longer serve in that capacity. The President-elect will succeed the President and must be willing to make a four year commitment to serve as an officer of NMCEL.
Dear Colleagues:

Thanks once again for making this year’s NMCEL Summer Conference a success. It was wonderful to see so many of you “moving to the beat” as both keynote speakers Dave Weber and Alan Blankstein began their presentations with the music with which most of us grew up. Their messages were positive and uplifting—educators continue to make a difference in the lives of the children they serve. We heard lots of comments from conference attendees that the atmosphere and the tone of the conference was very positive, and the keynotes and presentations gave them the “shot in the arm” they needed to begin the school year on a positive note.

More than ever before, teachers and school and district leaders are facing huge challenges as the new school year gets underway; yet every day we hear and read about schools and districts that are beating the odds and helping their students to learn at higher levels. Those improvements, however slight they may be, are due to the constant and focused attention and effort of all the people in our schools and communities.

This year may also present an opportunity for New Mexico’s educators to catch their breath and have a chance to fully implement and evaluate the various initiatives that have been introduced in the past several years. It appears, currently, that there are no new changes proposed for this school year. Obviously, everyone is working on the implementation of the common core, the new evaluation system and the upcoming on-line assessments—all of which are huge initiatives in their own rite. However, this year may provide some respite from adding yet another project.

The Legislative Education Study Council (LESC) has been meeting in various parts of the state during the Interim session. At each meeting they have asked a panel of district superintendents/staff talk to about their experience with the evaluation system. Each of the panels has reported that the observation piece is regarded in a positive manner by both teachers and principals. Time to conduct the observations and provide good feedback remains a challenge. In the coming year, the principal evaluation system will go into full effect, and to that end the NMCEL/CES Symposium will focus on components of this portion of the evaluation system. Please look for registration information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally, during the July conference, the membership voted to make changes to the NMCEL Bylaws to change the office of Vice President to President-elect, making it a two year term and having the President-elect succeed the President. Please help us congratulate Erik Bose on being elected as President-elect for 2014-15. He will succeed Crit Caton as NMCEL President when his term ends in July of 2015.

Best wishes for a positive and successful school year.

Dr. Gloria Rendón
NMCEL Executive Board

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A Message From the President

Welcome back to the 2014-2015 school year! I hope everyone had the opportunity to re-charge their batteries over the past two months. A special thanks goes out to all who attended our New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders (NMCEL) Conference this past July. Our NMCEL Organization truly appreciates the support you show through your attendance and hopes that each of you gained some valuable information to assist you this coming year. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for being a vital part of our educational system in New Mexico. Thank you for your hard work and dedication as we look forward to another exciting school year.

Sincerely,
Dr. Crit D. Caton
NMCEL President

NMCEL Board Elects President-Elect

Hello and welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! My name is Erik Bose and I truly hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer break and you are ready to come back to school re-energized to meet the needs of our students, our staff and the communities we serve. We know that the road ahead will be a challenge but one that will be filled with great success stories that will forever change the lives of our students.

I want to thank everyone who attended and participated in the NMCEL Summer Conference and I truly hope that you found a few things that you can take with you into this school year. As we move into another year with PARCC testing, Common Core Curriculum and Teacher/Principal Evaluation it is important that we remember that our jobs are to find what works for the students in our schools and classrooms so they can be successful in their futures.

With this thought in mind, I am happy to be elected to represent this organization as the President-Elect and to work with the NMCEL staff, board members and educators from all around the state in “Keeping Kids First”. If you ever need any assistance or clarification on educational issues or have concerns you would like voiced, please feel free to contact me or anyone in the organization.

Yours in Education,
Erik Bose
NMCEL President-elect
NMCEL Board Minutes in Brief

July 23, 2014

- Board members approved the Agenda.
- Introductions and recognition of affiliates.
- Announcements.
- Discussion Items:
  - 2014 Summer Conference update.
  - Aspiring Superintendents’ Academy update.
  - NMCEL/CES Symposium on October 21, 2014.
  - 2014-2015 Final Budget
  - Changes to NMCEL By-laws
  - Nominations for Vice-President/President-Elect
- Action Items:
  - Board members approved the June 3, 2014 Minutes and Financial Statements through July 2014.
  - Board members approved the Final Budget for 2014-15.
  - Board members took action on selection of NMCEL Vice President/President-Elect
  - Recognition of 2014 NMCEL Board members.
- Reports:
  - Affiliates
  - Executive Director, Leadership Coordinator, Office Administrator

21st Century Skills vs 21st Century Tech
Excerpts by Deborah McCallum, Educator

“Any educator that aims at completeness must be at once theoretical and practical, intellectual and moral.” Aldous Huxley, Words and Their Meaning, 1970. There are many skills that go into creating that ‘complete learning experience that we want for our students. Theory, practical, intellectual and moral principles all play important roles in the development of a strong pedagogy. Good pedagogy evolves with the times — just like technology. The higher order skills we need to educate our students about are still basically the same, however, we may have some new ways of imparting these skills on our students based on new technologies and concepts we have access to in the 21st Century.

What are 21st Century Skills?
There is a difference between teaching students 21st Century skills, and 21st Century technologies. We need to find new ways of implementing seamless tech and pedagogy simultaneously — yet not one replacing the other.

The caveat is however, that 21st century skills are not necessarily new at all, but have been firmly planted in pedagogy for centuries, dating all the way back to philosophers such as Plato and Socrates. Sound Pedagogy, as taught by these famous philosophers have always encompassed the following important skills:

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The “Bud Mulcock” Distinguished Service Award

The NMCEL Board established a new award in June 2014. The award called the “Bud Mulcock Distinguished Service Award” is named for Mr. Bud Mulcock, a beloved and respected community member who supported public education through his commitment to educational excellence for all children. He also worked as a lobbyist for NMCEL, NMAA and several school districts in the state. The award is meant to honor his memory and recognize those leaders who also have supported, influenced and made contributions on a statewide level to K-12 public education.

The recipient of this award must be one whose contributions as an educator, a legislator or other public servant far exceed those of the ordinary citizen. This is not an annual award and will be given only when the NMCEL Board identifies a candidate who fits the criteria mentioned above. The Board took action at their annual retreat to present this award to Representative Rick Miera who was recognized at NMCEL’s Annual Summer Conference. Mrs. Louise Mulcock, Bud’s wife, was present to congratulate Representative Miera. See his bio on page six of the newsletter.

Dave Weber Inspires Leaders at the NMCEL Summer Conference

Dave Weber captured our attention during his keynote, as well as, during his follow up breakout session, as he presented excerpts of his book, LEADERSHIP [rē′de·fined], 12 X’s of Success for TODAY’S Leader. Dave states that “... there are some universal characteristics great leaders display ... that we can all learn and benefit from ... I call them the 12 X’s of Success.” The 12 X’s are listed below. In addition, with Dave's permission, we have provided a link to the first chapter of his book that can be accessed through the NMCEL website.

- Extract a Dream
- Express Your Vision to Others
- Exercise Effort
- Examine Everything
- Exchange Non-Essentials
- Expect Opposition
- Exclude Negative Thinking
- Expose Yourself to Winners
- Explore All Possible Avenues
- Exceed Normal Expectations
- Exhibit an Attitude of Optimistic Confidence
- Extend a Helping Hand
Representative Rick Miera

The NMCEL Board is pleased to award the first “Bud” Mulcock Distinguished Service Award to NM House of Representatives’ member Representative Rick Miera. Representative Miera has served in the House for 24 years, most recently as Majority Leader. He has been the longest serving chairperson of the House Education Committee.

Representative Miera was born in Albuquerque where he has lived his entire life. He received his education at UNM and has worked as a consultant and a therapist. Mr. Miera is a licensed drug/alcohol counselor and worked for 20 years as the Coordinator of the drug/alcohol program in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of New Mexico. After leaving UNM he served as the Director of Ayuda, a drug-counseling program and mental health facility, both programs at the Bernalillo County Juvenile Detention Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Miera received an honorary doctorate degree from the College of Santa Fe in 2006.

Rep. Miera was first elected to the House in 1990 and has taken great pride in serving the community of District 11 (the downtown corridor of Albuquerque). He has dedicated much of his life to the legislative process especially on the issues of educational equity, juvenile justice and health care access. As a representative, Mr. Miera is currently the House Majority Leader and is a member of the Legislative Council, the Jobs Council and Lottery Scholarship Fund Work Group. Mr. Miera formerly served as the Co-Chair of the DWI Oversight Committee, Chairman of the House Education Committee and Chairman of the House Labor and Human Resources Committee. As Chair of the House Education Committee, Rep. Miera also served on alternating years as Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC), a legislative committee that studies education issues and develops legislation for consideration by the House of Representatives. He also actively participates in several national organizations: Education Committee of National Conference of State Legislators, Education Commission of the States and the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

Rep Miera is married to his wife Bernadette and together they have two sons. At the end of the 2014 Legislative Session, the Representative announced that he would not seek re-election. While we are happy for him and know he will have more time to devote to his family and his own personal interests, the education community will lose a staunch supporter of and advocate for equity in the education of New Mexico’s children. He embodies those qualities that endeared the late Bud Mulcock to educators throughout the state: respect for all, high ethical standards, and a sincere appreciation for the diversity of New Mexico. Rep. Miera has gone above and beyond the call of duty as a legislator and is truly deserving of the first “Bud Mulcock Distinguished Service Award”. We offer our sincere gratitude to Rep Miera for his work during the past 24 years as a state legislator serving as the voice for the underprivileged and underserved members of our state; and we wish him well in his future endeavors.
Senator Gay G. Kernan

Senator Gay G. Kernan was born in Oklahoma City, Ok. Her family moved to Hobbs, NM in 1954 where she graduated Hobbs High School in 1965. Senator Kernan attended the University of Mississippi in 1969 and graduated with a B.A.E. She and her husband, Dr. John Kernan, returned to Hobbs in 1978. They have one daughter, Elizabeth, and a granddaughter, Hannah, of Austin, TX.

Upon her father’s death in 1986, Senator Kernan assumed responsibility for his storage facility and oil & gas leases. In 1992 she returned to the classroom and taught first grade for the Hobbs Municipal Schools for 11 years. In 2010, she retired from the Hobbs Municipal Schools after serving for six years as assistant coordinator for the Pre-Kindergarten Program.

Senator Kernan was appointed to the New Mexico Senate in 2002. She ran for election in 2004 and 2008 and continues to serve District 42. Gay serves on the Senate Education Committee and the Senate Public Affairs Committee during the regular session. Her interim committee assignments are the Legislative Education Study Committee, Legislative Health and Human Services Committee, Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee and the Energy Council, a national legislative organization.

She is a former member of the Board of the Lea County United Way, the Palmer Drug Abuse Program and served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of the Southwest.

Senator Kernan received the 2010 New Mexico First Bi-Partisanship Award for Education, 2006 Citizen of the Year by the Hobbs Board of Realtors and named a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow. She also received honors for The Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Rookie Legislator of the Year Award, Hobbs Jaycees Outstanding Young Woman, Hobbs Jaycees Family of the Year and the 2007 Lea County Women’s Network Career Achievement Award.

We thank Senator Gay G. Kernan for her dedication and service to the children and educators of New Mexico.
Mike Phipps, Retired NM Superintendent, Artesia

Mike Phipps started his career in education in 1970 by accepting a position with the Artesia Public Schools. He taught science and coached boy’s athletics for the first 14 years of his career. Mike was hired as the Head Football Coach at Artesia High School in the spring of 1974 and remained in that position for ten years. His football teams and staff won seven State Championships during that time. In 1984, he was hired as the Assistant Principal of Artesia High School and after two years was promoted to Principal of Artesia High School. He remained in that position until 1992 when the Artesia Board of Education selected him as Superintendent of Schools. He served as Superintendent for 20 years, until he retired in 2011.

Mr. Phipps was a nominee for the National Southwest Region Football Coach of the Year in 1984 and inducted into the NM Activities Association Hall of Fame in 1987. He also received the President’s Award for Exceptional Leadership from the NM School Superintendents’ Association in 1998 and was again named the NM Superintendent of the Year in 2012. He was an active participant on many state-wide committees such as the Funding Formula Task Force, Blue Ribbon Task Force for NMAA, Accountability and Data System Task Force, Public School Capital Outlay Council Oversight Committee, School Transportation Task Force, Education Initiatives and Accountability Task Force and served in several capacities on the NMCEL Board, working passionately for all New Mexico students. In addition, he was actively involved in the Artesia community, serving as President of Crime Stoppers and the School Employees Credit Union.

Mike is active now in retirement. He and his wife enjoy their six grandchildren and camping in Colorado. He is an avid fly fisherman fishing for wild trout in New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, Colorado and Alaska. He hunts deer and elk in Wyoming and Kansas, and of course, likes to watch the Artesia Bulldogs play all high school sports.

Dick Pool, Retired NM Superintendent, Silver City

Dick Pool graduated from Deming high School in 1973 and accepted an athletic scholarship to attend Weatherford Jr. College. Realizing the need to pursue a professional career, he attended the University of New Mexico’s School of Pharmacy and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Life Sciences. He worked in the Roswell School District for a year upon earning his degree and then had the opportunity to move back to his home town of Deming to teach science and to coach. In 1984, he received his M.A. in School Administration from Western New Mexico University. Shortly thereafter, he accepted an assistant principal’s position with the Silver Consolidated Schools. He moved up quickly to become principal and then associate superintendent. Understanding the quality leadership skills that Dick possessed, the District named him their superintendent in 1998, a position he held for fourteen years prior to his retirement in October 2012. He served as an educator and administrator for 33 years.

Mr. Pool was selected as NM Superintendent of the Year in 2006 and was inducted into the NM Activities Association Hall of Fame in 2011. He served on several state-wide committees and boards including co-chair of the state Funding Formula Task Force, NMAA Board Director, and CES Board Member. During his tenure, he was active in the Silver City Rotary Club and Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization.

Dick states that the most gratifying experience throughout his career was helping students gain the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in meeting their goals. His former colleagues have referred to him as a gentleman of great integrity, who never wavered when it came to doing the right thing for students. He always placed the needs of students throughout the state at the forefront of all he did.
2014 Administrators of the Year

Each year during the NMCEL summer conference in July, each state professional Affiliate is given the opportunity to recognize their Administrator of the Year. Congratulations to this year’s award recipients. We thank them for their dedication and commitment to education and the children of New Mexico.

Rose Martinez
Director of Instruction and Bilingual Education
Taos Schools

Rose Martinez started her career 43 years ago as an Educational Assistant. She completed her studies to receive several degrees to accomplish her goals of becoming an educator. She has worked as a bilingual teacher, Title I Coordinator, Director of Federal Programs, Bilingual and Indian Education Director and most recently as Director of Instruction. She also served as Interim Superintendent for a short time. Rose states that her pride for the Hispanic culture has allowed her to see children learn and speak two languages.

Mark Anthony Barela
Principal
Carlsbad Schools

Mark has been an educator for 20 years, having taught music for 12 and serving as a school administrator for the past eight years. Mark holds a BA in Music Education, MA in Education Administration, MA in Integrative Learning and is due to receive his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership this fall. He has received many awards and has served on the NMCEL Board. He is the state representative of the NAESP and successfully completed the NMCEL’s Aspiring Superintendents’ Academy last year. He is a family man who has a passion for music and students and is one of the founders of the “Mariachi Unido” band in Carlsbad.

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Barbara Sultemeier
Business Manager
Corona Schools

Barbara Sultemeier has been the Business Manager for Corona Schools for the last nine years. In addition to her responsibilities for all business related functions including payroll, she also oversees the Transportation and Food Services Department. Not only does she have an in-depth knowledge of the Visions Software, she is willing to share her knowledge and help others around the state. Ms. Sultemeier volunteers with many outside organizations and chaperones when needed on FFA trips.

Maria Jaramillo
Executive Director
Central Regional Educational Cooperative

Maria Jaramillo has served as the Executive Director of C-REC since 2011. Previous to this, she spent 15 years as a speech language pathologist in Carlsbad, Albuquerque, Moriarty and the Eastern Navajo Agency. In March 2003, she participated in a Special Education Round Table at Oxford University. In addition, she has served as the ASHA New Mexico State Education Advocacy Leader and representative of the ASHA SLP Advisory Committee. She currently serves as the President of the NM RECA and is a member of the Council of Exceptional Children and NMCASE.
2014 Administrators of the Year cont’d.

Valerie Trujillo
Principal
Questa Schools

Valerie Trujillo has been the Principal at Questa High School since 2010. She has also served as the Athletic and Title IX Director. She earned her BA in Elementary Education and Special Education from Highlands University and her MA in Educational Leadership from the University of New Mexico in 1998. Throughout her 17 years in education, she has become a skilled educational leaders who, through focused strategic efforts, has ensured that students are college and career ready. Valerie was recently named the Superintendent of Questa Independent Schools for the 2014-2015 school year.

Linda Schilz
Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Farmington Schools

Linda Schilz has been in education for 30 years. Her first three years were with a private company that provided services to young children with disabilities. In 1987, she joined the Farmington Schools as the “first” teacher of preschool students with disabilities. After 19 years in that position, she then moved to the Human Resources Department. She believes that it is her duty and her department’s duty to “serve and support” the district staff and she wants to be a helpful resource for all employees so all kids can learn. She will continue to work with the NMCEL and NMSPA organizations to assist administrators work more effectively in their positions.

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Patti Harrelson
Executive Director
Regional Education Cooperative #6

Patti Harrelson has served in the educational field for 44 years. She has worked as a teacher, principal, Federal Programs Director and now the REC #6 Director. In her current role, she is able to work with several districts—Dora, Elida, Floyd, Ft. Sumner, Grady, House, Melrose, Logan, San Jon and Texico. She also works on a limited basis with Tucumcari. She serves on the K-3 Plus Advisory Board and has served on the NMCEL Board. She received the NM ASCD Excellence in Education Award. Ms. Harrelson enjoys traveling, sewing and gardening.

Jeanne Barck
Second Vice President for Educational Services
New Mexico Association of Education Retirees

Jeanne Barck arrived in New Mexico on a hot August day in 1962. She was educated in Georgia and earned a BA in History/Drama and Education and her MA in Political Science and Education from Duke University. Upon moving to New Mexico, she took coursework to meet certification requirements. Teaching and administrative assignments included Foothill High (NM School for Delinquent Girls), NM School for the Multiple Impaired at Los Lunas and Villa Solano, NM PED and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction in Gadsden and Farmington. Her retirement keeps her busy with the NMAER newsletter and the Adopt-a-Legislator Program.
Paul Benoit
Superintendent
Floyd Schools

Paul Benoit has been Superintendent in the Floyd School District for ten years and just completed his year as President of the Superintendents' Association. He worked tirelessly throughout the year to maintain and open new lines of communication with PED and legislators. He is known to apply his analytical ability to see the long-term and unintended consequences of various short-term initiatives. As a true professional, he has provided valuable information and data that has enabled NMSSA to make solid and effective policy decisions for the organization and the state. Mr. Benoit is devoted to his family and is an avid outdoorsman, as well as, a talented musician.

Getting to the Heart of Education: Listening to the Whole At-Risk Student  excerpt from Dr. Stephen Sroka, February 2014

Dr. Sroka has taught across the country from poor inner cities to the rich suburbs and on isolated reservations. As a result he has had the opportunity to dialogue with at-risk youth. He asked students for suggestions on how we can reach and teach the whole at-risk student. Students shared their thoughts on how to retain, engage, challenge, support and educate all students. When asked the question, “What are the qualities of effective teachers?” students responded with the following:

- They have a passion for the content and the students they teach. They make the classroom come alive. They don't just say “It's in the book.”
- They use humor that doesn't hurt.
- They are nonjudgmental. They let kids know their opinions are welcomed and respected.
- They are outgoing, understanding and not intimidating and you can confide in them.
- They see you as a person and not as a grade-point average.

“You can make a difference. I believe that education is one of the most powerful tools we have to help build resilient at-risk youth today. I believe that the efforts of one person can make this a better world. This is why I teach. I can make a difference, and so can you.” The entire article can be found at http://tinyurl.com/pzwpz2z.
Professional Development Event

CES and NMCEL Present

14th Annual Educational Symposium

Tuesday, October 21, 2014, Embassy Suites Hotel

Dr. Steven Broome, SREB, Director of State Development for High Schools and Middle Grades

Ivy Alford, SREB, Director of School Improvement Services for High Schools That Work in NM

Gene May, Teachscape, Professional Learning Director

The symposium will allow participants to connect systems and structures that have been presented during Year 1 and Year 2 NMTEACH Training Sessions. These connections will be presented as opportunities to build district-wide supports for both building leadership and teacher success. The symposium will present districts with the viewpoint of how to support building principals to be change agents for their campus. The focus of the change agent will be to effectively use data to identify campus needs and priorities: to promote priorities with teachers and the school community; to effectively monitor progress on priorities; and to identify and provide teachers with differentiated support and professional development to better impact the school's priorities.

Register Today at www.ces.org
NMCEL Board Elects
New President-elect and
Welcomes New Board Members

- Erik Bose, President-elect (Executive Director, Albuquerque Charter Academy)
- Nana Encinias, NMABE (Instructional Manager, Department of Language & Cultural Equity, Albuquerque Public Schools)
- Katherine House, NMAESP (Principal, Rio Rancho)
- Pam Meyer, APSPA (Principal, Albuquerque)
- Patricia Miller, NMASCD (Director of Adoptive Homes, NM Christian Children’s Home, Portales)
- T. J. Parks, NMSSA (Superintendent, Hobbs)
- Gary Perkowski, SNMERC (Superintendent, Carlsbad)
- Tom Ryan, NMSTE (CEO, eLearnInstitute)
- Renee Saucedo, NMASSP (Principal, Rio Rancho Schools)

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The results of the 2014 PDK/Gallup Poll of the Public’s Attitudes Toward the Public Schools are now available.

The poll covers American’s opinions on:

- Common Core State Standards;
- Standardized testing;
- Charter schools and vouchers; and
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21st Century Skills vs 21st Century Tech cont’d.

1) Critical Thinking; 2) Problem Solving; 3) Communication; 4) Metacognition; 5) Reflection; 6) Ethics and Morality.

These skills do not change just because we have entered the 21st Century of Technology, Globalization and Social Media. However, these skills can be easily forgotten with the pressures to integrate new technologies into educational programming.

Despite the fact that these skills have existed, and been identified and shared by the likes of Socrates and Plato, they are often called 21st Century Skills. I would prefer to call them the Key Learning Skills. Let’s explore the reasons why we need to embed Key Learning Skills into our Pedagogy.

1) 6 Reasons to Promote Key Learning Skills vs 21st Century Technologies

1. In the 21st Century, we have new terms, such as Globalization, Media Literacy, Digital Citizenship, and Social Media.

2. 21st Century Technology and 21st Century Skills are not one in the same.

3. Sound Pedagogy is not about training individuals for the global market, and making them competitive in today’s markets.

4. Human beings have not changed that much over time.

5. Without these Key Learning Skills, students have the potential to damage reputations, digital footprints, and future job prospects.

6. Educators still need to attend to cultural diversities in our schools and school systems.


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