

GLOBAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE AND ITS ROLE IN TRANSFORMING EDUCATION

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*A discussion facilitated for and by 2006 Education Policy Fellowship Program members
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Presentation Summary:

If the educational system of Michigan is going to prepare students to be productive citizens in society, school districts must be equipped to handle change. The world that our students are being prepared to enter is a global economy that is changing rapidly. In a global society, technology is an integral part of the transformation of local economy to global economy. However, in some areas of education, technology is seen as an optional part of the educational system. In order to prepare our students for their future and not our past, educators must be ready to be change agents and embrace change in order to prepare our students. For this to happen, Michigan's educational system needs to be transformed.

In order for the educational system of Michigan to be transformed, educators must be prepared to handle change. Our thought provoking presentation will feature examples of challenges facing schools in light of our changing global economy (making the world 'flat') and the changes in education brought through technology. The intent is for the participant to have a greater understanding of the needed changes in education in light of the changes occurring in the global economy. We will also discuss the concept of change and some items for consideration as district embrace changes needed.

Pre-session Activity:

- Review the included articles
- Visit <http://mitworld.mit.edu/video/266/> and view the presentation by Thomas Friedman at MIT about the book 'The World is Flat'

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Agenda:

- 1:00 p.m. Introduction/Purpose of the Day..... Kathy
- 1:15 p.m. Flatteners and Convergences Kathy and Louis
- 1:25 p.m. KWL Activity Introduction and 'KW' for Globalization Tracy
- 1:35 p.m. Green Tea and Starbucks Dr Yong Zhao
- 2:30 p.m. 'L' activity for Globalization Tracy
- 2:35 p.m. Questions for Dr. Zhao Dr Yong Zhao
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. 'KW' activity for Technology in Schools..... Tracy
- 3:25 p.m. Technology Use and Barriers Melissa White
- 4:00 p.m. 'L' activity for Technology in Schools..... Tracy
- 4:05 p.m. Questions for Melissa Melissa White
- 4:15 p.m. Beginning to Understand Change Mike Oswalt
- 4:45 p.m. Session Review using CPS technology..... Mike Oswalt