



Push Back The MEAP

Bring Forward REAL LEARNING



All educators in Michigan know, many parents suspect, most are fearful to confront the reality: that standardized curriculum and testing are harming our children and ruining our schools. With the push from state and federal authorities, tied to the support of big business, it takes real courage to speak up on behalf of children and the quality of real learning.

We think, however, that is exactly what we must do.

A movement is growing of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members to say “No!!” to the narrowing of real learning for our children and to say “Yes!!” to real learning.

As part of our ongoing effort to Push Forward Real Learning while Pushing Back the MEAP, we welcome your participation in the following events.

JANUARY 30, 2002

LEGISLATORS TAKE THE MEAP!!

January 30 11:00 - 1:00 PM, MacKinnac Room, State Capital, Lansing, Michigan. TAKING THE MEAP. We will collaboratively work with state legislators who are concerned with the MEAP to

request all Senators and state Representatives to take a portion of the MEAP (past versions). We will dialogue with legislators regarding quality schooling and the impact of the MEAP.

FEBRUARY 2, 2002

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Wayne State University 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Undergraduate Library, Community Room 3rd Floor

This one-day conference will provide an opportunity to critique the impact of the MEAP on real learning, to propose alternatives, and to develop actions that can be taken by teachers, schools, and concerned citizens to improve learning for students in Michigan schools.

WHAT DO WE KNOW about the impact of standardized curriculum and testing upon

meaningful learning, the mental health of children, and the culture of schools?

WHAT DO WE NEED? What makes a good school, a good assessment system, positive learning?

WHAT DO WE DO? To prevent harm to children and the learning process? To create the schools that our children deserve