



November 17-19, 2024
Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, Mn

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

PROPOSALS DUE APRIL 30, 2024

The Greater Education Summit is Minnesota's only rural education conference, bringing together a diverse community of K-12 administrators, teachers, school board members and supporters for active engagement and learning.

MREA is seeking workshop and breakout session proposals to share best practices, solutions, and research on innovative education and student learning in Greater Minnesota and rural areas.

Proposals should help maximize K-12 educator and school board learning and knowledge, focused on developing and sharing narratives from a position of rural strength and vitality. Submissions are encouraged in all contexts and focus areas at all experience levels.

21 Education Trends & Topics

MREA members and other education service professionals are encouraged to review proposal criteria and submit workshop ideas for sharing best practices, solutions, and research on rural learning, vitality, and communities. Here are 21 trending education ideas to consider for a breakout session proposal:

Sustainable Rural Living and Vitality

1. Technology design, access and use for rural education and workforces
2. Interdisciplinary teaching to create pathways through lenses of career clusters
3. Connecting schools to rural business resources and partnerships
4. Building community and inclusion through dialogue
5. Attracting, supporting, and retaining educators and district leaders

Welcoming Places and Spaces

7. Equitable pathways that allow students from all backgrounds to learn, grow, and develop
8. Positive school climate that engages rural families and supports educators
9. School culture that manages conflict and fosters belonging, resilience, and excellence
10. Creating understanding around instructional practices and curriculum

Embracing Learning for All Ages

11. Social media and adolescent mental health
12. Designing and sustaining ongoing learning for new and veteran educators
13. Learning experiences that build age-appropriate digital literacy
14. Interventions to improve student performance and decrease learning loss
15. Collaborative planning with families and students for post-high school decisions

16. Summer learning programs to complement school-year learning
17. Skills and expectations across grades and subjects for digital health, safety, citizenship and media literacy

New Developments and Services Shaping Education

17. Current research and data analyzing rural student well-being and academics
18. Critical cybersecurity insights for K-12 educational networks and data
19. 21st-Century building design and learning environments to enhance student learning
20. Successfully implementing new legislative policies impacting education
21. Innovative ideas to improve district financial health

Other Topics Qualifying for MN Educator License Renewals

Session Guidelines

Sessions will generally host from 25 to 70 participants each, depending on room size.

Sessions and workshops are offered in shorter and longer durations over two days:

- **60-minute Breakout Sessions** Monday and Tuesday morning sessions should provide an overview into a specific innovative or promising practice or research.
- **75-minute Workshops** Monday afternoon sessions should provide more depth into innovative or promising practices or research. This format is best for an in-depth and interactive learning experience to a panel discussion, to an informal conversation where audience participation is the main component.

Proposal Development

Preference will be given to proposals with at least one Greater Minnesota educator as co-presenter. Sessions may be accepted on the condition that a rural school representative will be co-presenter.

Proposals must include:

- **Compelling Title** with FIVE words maximum. MREA reserves the right to edit titles.
- **Session Description** clearly identifying:
 - Topic being addressed
 - Target audience among school administrators, teachers, and school board members
 - Two learning outcomes
 - Engagement activities
 - Participant resources
- **Contact Information** for presenter and co-presenter.
 - Names and organizations must appear as you would like them listed in event promotions.
- **Recent Groups** to whom and when this presentation was delivered

Proposal Submission & Selection

Submit your proposal online by midnight, April 30.

Proposals will be reviewed and selected by the Summit Committee. Presenters and co-presenters will be emailed mid-June regarding proposal status.



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Summit Details

Here's what else you need to know about this premiere Greater Minnesota education conference.

Dates: Sunday-Tuesday, November 17-19

- Sunday: Greater Minnesota education awards and banquet
- Monday: Opening keynote speaker, breakout sessions, workshops, networking, legislative update and Summit Showcase
- Tuesday: Breakout sessions, networking, closing speaker

Audience: Education Practitioners & Influencers (400-500)

- School board members, K-12 teachers, and administrators
- Representing 100+ Greater Minnesota school districts
- From every corner of Minnesota

Venue: Cragun's Resort & Conference Center

- In the heart of Brainerd Lakes Area on beautiful Gull Lake
- Comfortable spaces and technology
- Updated, spacious accommodations

Registration & Expenses

- Summit registration is required after your proposal has been accepted. Details will be emailed.
- Up to two (2) presenters per breakout session/workshop will receive free and/or discounted registration.
- Additional presenters and panelists beyond 2 must be approved by MREA and will pay the full conference registration cost.
- Presenters attending Monday only have free admission until 3 pm.
- Travel and lodging coordination and expenses are not provided.

Questions?

Contact Diane Vosen, Operations Director, at 320.762.6574 or diane@mreavoice.org. Learn more at www.MREASummit.org.

Complete your [online proposal here](#) by midnight April 30.



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