

You're Invited...

*to be part of a special forum for local
business leaders.*

- ◆ *Topic: Creating a world class learning environment*

- ◆ *Date: February 11, 2010*
- ◆ *Time: 6:00 p.m.*
- ◆ *Place: Superintendent's Office
Delton Kellogg Elementary
327 N. Grove St.
Delton, MI 49046*

- ◆ *Purpose: To become involved in the 21st Century Classroom Project & future facilities planning for Delton Kellogg Schools*

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CEFPI 2009/10 World Classroom Project

Delton Kellogg Schools, Michigan, USA

Middle School CR #7

Operation 16 (Named by students involved for the year they graduate)

The Issue-

There are thousands of K-12 classrooms built in the past 100 years that do not support current or best practice teaching and learning models needed today. Funding is a barrier for change, knowledge of the best learning model is a barrier of change and just the “will” to change can be a barrier as well.

The Delton Kellogg Goal-

Delton Kellogg Classrooms fall into this situation. The DK goal is to investigate, identify and implement improvements to classrooms of the DK school district for student betterment. This project will begin to provide a road map to improve facilities, learning tools and educator/coaching models that will give DK students the edge needed in the ever quickening pace of the world. The doubling of information every two years is a challenge even for the best school system or teacher. Yesterday’s facilities do not begin to meet the needs of our students today, a teacher cannot possibly stay ahead of all of today’s information and students must learn the value and importance of an education. A student must know where to get new knowledge (not just to rely on yesterday’s knowledge), to be able to complete in, contribute to, stay ahead of and survive in a continuously changing world. DK schools will make a difference in their students’ lives.

The CEFPI Goal-

To create potential solutions for increasing the functionality of classrooms that can be facilitated by school districts, school district personnel and students that provide best learning opportunities today.

The Method-

To bring together educators, students, administrators, board members, community members, planners, architects, managers, furniture and technology designers, construction professionals and others to interactively brainstorm the issues, to research and then provide potential solutions. Once solutions are identified, then applied to a classroom, students and educators could use the space and determine the value of the new approach for use in other classrooms.

The Schedule-

June – August 2009: Preliminary planning of the charette and identification of the team

September – October 2009: On-site design charettes at Delton Kellogg Schools

November – December 2009: Identify volunteers and installation of the new classroom

February 2010: The Classroom put into full-time use

May 2010: CEFPI Great Lakes Regional Conference visit (physical or virtual) and presentation/discussion of results

Other-

We have started with a classroom that is “typical”, both within the district as well as across the region. We are looking for solutions for DK Schools and we propose to be adaptable to as many classroom spaces as possible in order to make it available to as many students as possible.

We will need donations of building materials, furniture, technology, time, etc. We have to provide answers for school districts that they can fund out of limited budgets and perhaps with donations and gifts.