



Action / Learning Group

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Discussion.

Whole Language Umbrella.

The Rouge Forum and Whole Schooling Consortium discussed co-sponsoring WLU's annual conference again next year when it is in Washington, D.C. Michael sent an email to Steve Hornstein requesting increased involvement in setting the agenda, selecting speakers, and other points of visibility in the conference. Nancy Creech is on the Board of WLU.

October 27th "Teach-in" Seminar regarding the MEAP

We brainstormed a number of ideas. It is important to step up activity in this arena given the increasingly visible problems of the MEAP. Schools accused of cheating are being called to defend their case in meetings in Lansing. Ideas for the 27th meeting include the following:

Title: Perspectives on the MEAP and Good Schooling

Location: Undergraduate Library, WSU

Plenary sessions.

- Welcome. Paula Wood, Dean, College of Education, Wayne State University



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- Good Schools and the MEAP Michael Peterson talk about concepts in the paper provided to Tom Watkins that describes the problems of the MEAP and alternatives to pursue.
- Panel: Administrators, Teachers, Parents Speak Out. Local school people discuss problems and concerns with the impact of the MEAP on good schooling.
- Michigan Departments of Education and Treasury.
- Invite Tom Watkins, Bruce Brousseau, Kwame Kilpatrick.

Breakout sessions.

- ACLU: Suit regarding scholarships.
- Special education students and the MEAP
- Gerald Coles. Wherefore Reading and Learning Disabilities.

Action organizing. Break into small groups aimed at doing one small piece in their own schools related to the MEAP.

ACTION. Tie a visible, outside demonstration of some sort to the teach-in.

Theme for our work.

We discussed the need to make clear, focus again and again on key interactive themes.

- Good schooling and teaching.
- Inclusive education, beyond segregated education (based on disability, race, and wealth particularly)
- Standardized testing, the MEAP and harm of children.

Meeting times.

We began identifying a schedule for the year.

- October 8, 2001 1:00 – 4:00. Faculty Lounge, College of Education. Learning / Action Group meeting.
- October 27, 2001. 9:00 – 4:00 Teach-in: Perspectives on the MEAP and Good Schooling.
- January. Participate in Martin Luther King day activities in Ann Arbor, emphasizing connections of segregation, inclusive education, good teaching, and the MEAP.
- April 13. Conference with the Michigan Network for Inclusive Schooling.
- May. MEAP Demonstration.
- July. Co-sponsor conference in Washington, D.C. with the Whole Language Umbrella.



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