

Middle School PBL Network

Why?

When?

Where?



Central Middle School

- ❑ 21st Century Design
- ❑ Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- ❑ Project Based Learning (PBL)
- ❑ K-12 Design/BCSC support
- ❑ Grand Rapids Training
- ❑ Technology/Instructional Focus
- ❑ Community Resources and Possibilities



New Tech/CMS Relations

...getting stung repeatedly by a
deer fly...”



Overview of Need

- Similar Support for New Tech programs
 - programming
 - vocabulary
 - 21st century skills
 - seamless transition
- Develop a New Tech model that “fits” middle level students/instructors
- Provide best practice sharing
- Do what we do at New Tech High School Network Meeting of the Minds



Specific Needs:

- ❑ Address standards and developmental levels of middle level students
- ❑ Tailor prof. development for m.s. educators
- ❑ Collaborate on textbook (or not) adoptions
- ❑ Share student project costs
- ❑ Exemplary teachers as trainers
- ❑ Loan library for prof. development

Needs...

- ❑ Resource/materials warehouse
- ❑ Share prof. development costs/training
- ❑ M.S. group dynamic support and training
- ❑ Political alliance to lobby DOE for waivers, funding, and support...
- ❑ Site visit possibilities
- ❑ Broadening Critical Friends' Network
- ❑ Facility and room design sharing
- ❑ Video conferencing (teacher/student)



Needs (cont)...

- ❑ Student collaboration in a virtual or real world
- ❑ Share project ideas
- ❑ Practice/model 21st Century skills
- ❑ Community resources
- ❑ Technology support, concepts, and ideas

Next steps...

- ❑ Intentional, aggressive contacting through current New Tech H.S. and feeder middle schools
- ❑ CELL, Buddy Teaching and Learning, New Tech support
- ❑ Deb Bannon and Nancy Miller CET
- ❑ Cathy Brown, I.U.
- ❑ Using New Tech High School trainer/teachers
- ❑ Communicate, communicate, communicate



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Why?:

- Emerging need for m.s. students to learn 21st Century Skills
- Global economies and connections
- Feeder for New Tech High Schools

When?:

-Now

Where?:

-Virtual connections

-Face-to-face



PBL Middle Schools and You...

- ...don't swat the deer
fly...embrace it, it won't go
away...



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