Michigan Online Resources for Educators (M.O.R.E)

M.O.R.E is an online portal developed by the Michigan Department of Education in partnership with the Library of Michigan that provides teachers with free instructional resources. In 2007, the Michigan Department of

Education, the Library of Michigan, and Wayne State University obtained a set of approximately 10,000 online resources originally housed in the Michigan Teachers Network portal and used these as the foundation for a new web-based portal, the Michigan Online Resources for Educators (M.O.R.E.). Part of the Michigan e-Library (MeL), M.O.R.E. now contains a collection of over 65,000 online instructional resources from a variety of sources such as ArtsEdge, EconEdLink, EDSITEment, NCTM Illuminations, NCTE ReadWriteThink, National Geographic Education, Smithsonian's History Explorer, Science NetLinks, National Wonderopolis, Khan Academy, some of the Gale and ProQuest databases from MeL, Michigan Learns Online (a REMC project), and others.

M.O.R.E offers teachers several different ways to search for resources that match their criteria including the abil-ity to search by GLCE, HSCE or Common Core State Standard. The Search by Standard feature helps teachers quickly find digital resources to support their unit and lesson plans and to personalize learning. Currently almost half of the resources are aligned to Michigan standards with all alignments done by Michigan teachers.

Additionally M.O.R.E. includes the following unique features:

▢ Featured resources on the home page relevant to holidays, major events, etc.

▢ A resource locker to save favorite resources

▢ A lesson plan builder that gives teachers options allowing them to make their lesson plans public,

searchable ,and to work on them in groups

▢ A curriculum manager that allows teachers to assign online resources to their students

▢ An online training course on integrating technology into the classroom

▢ A collaboration center to connect with other teachers using digital resources for instruction

▢ "Sweet Tweets" to keep up with the happenings from other educational technology websites

More specific information on some of these features will be covered in future editions of the OEII Newsletter. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact Karen Hairston (hairstonk@michigan.gov) or Barb Fardell (fardellb@michigan.gov).