

MRVED UPDATE



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Webinar

Please note the February 20 webinar will not be live as it falls on Presidents' Day and some schools are not in session. The topic is Math and Science Frameworks website. Brandon will post the webinar on the archived page by the end of the day February 21.

March 5 Webinar Topic: Resources to Help you Flip the Classroom

WANTED

The MRVED is compiling a list of educators within the MRVED that are willing to use Skype to connect. If you would like to be included on this list, please email Brandon your username, grade level, and subject areas you would like to Skype with. If you are not on Skype, but would like to know more, please contact Brandon.

MRVED has joined Twitter!



MRVED has joined Twitter as a way to provide our districts with more information and resources in a nonintrusive way. If you are not on Twitter yet, sign up and follow the MRVED to see what it's all about. The MRVED username on Twitter is @MNRVED.

Social Studies Best Practice Meeting

The Social Studies teachers gathered at the MRVED on February 15, 2012. The first order of business was looking at the new social studies standards. Time was well spent looking at changes from the previous standards and discussing possible issues. After everyone was comfortable with the standards, a closer examination and identification of Power Standards took place. Pizza Ranch served an excellent meal and great social studies conversations were had over lunch. The afternoon consisted of a discussion on technology integration and a time of sharing ideas and resources.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

NCLB Waiver Explained

With the NCLB waiver approved by President Obama earlier in February, there have been many questions as to what this means for education in Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Education has put together a [two-page handout](#) explaining what it means. The MDE has also had a NCLB waiver working group and you may access all their documents by clicking [here](#).

The [waiver glossary](#) is also a very beneficial document to look at to fully understand what everything means. It is vital, as people who work in education, to understand what the waiver means for Minnesota, and to dispel any rumors or misconceptions people have about the NCLB waiver. If you have any questions about the waiver please contact the MRVED or email MDE (mde.nclbwaiver@state.mn.us)



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

February 29
Superintendents' Council

March 2
Title III Paras

March 6—CANCELLED
Agriculture

March 7
Guidance Counselors

March 8
Industrial Technology

IPAD APP OF THE WEEK:

Sock Puppets: If you are looking for a unique creation app for the iPad, check out Sock Puppets. It's exactly what the title implies, a sock puppet show. Kids can create a 30 second sock puppet show and watch the mouths flap as the kids talk. Even if you do not see a use for this app in your classroom, install it to check it out, you won't be disappointed!