

MRVED UPDATE



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State Specialist to Visit the MRVED

The state specialist for Business education will be visiting the MRVED on March 19. She will be attending the Business teachers best practice meeting. We are extremely excited and fortunate to have her coming to the MRVED to work with our teachers. Look for a full update in the MRVED update next week.

FACS Meeting Update

As with March the weather is up and down, and we finally got our first best practice meeting in for March. The FACS teachers gathered at the MRVED for their 2nd meeting of the year. This meeting focused on allowing the teachers time to explore and develop lessons using technology. Brandon was also available to help the teachers work through issues that came up. In the afternoon, each teacher brought a lesson to demonstrate for the group. This was a great way for teachers to see how others teach different topics within the FACS classroom. It was also an awesome way for the teachers presenting to gain valuable feedback on the lessons. Overall the day was great and the FACS teachers always appreciate the time to come together and network.

TIP/RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

Attend the ASCD Annual Conference Virtually



You can attend some of the sessions at the annual ASCD conference virtually, March 16-18. This ASCD conference is one of the largest professional development conferences in the United States. They will be streaming 22 sessions with over 30 hours of speakers for a price of \$129 for ASCD members and \$159 for nonmembers. If you are not a member, ask your administrator if he/she is a member of ASCD to take advantage of the price break. You will also get access to all the handouts and presentations. This is a great way to save some cash, sit in comfort, and still enjoy some of the most dynamic speakers in K-12 education today. Check out the [virtual website](#) today.

If you do not have the time to watch the virtual conference, you can also follow along the ASCD conversation on Twitter by following the #ascd13 hashtag. By following this hashtag you can get valuable conference information including handouts, links, and presentations. Another great reason to jump into Twitter!



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 19
Business

March 20
Superintendents' Council

March 28
MRVED Professional
Development Day

April 10
MRVED Board (7 p.m.)

TECH TIPS

Ignite - [Ignite](#) is an event where presenters speak for no more than 5 minutes. To keep them on track, their slides automatically advance after 15 seconds. It is very similar to [TED talks](#), but shorter. This would be a great way for students to present materials. By making the slides automatically advance every 15 seconds, it forces the person to put less on the slide and rely less on what is on the screen. It really forces the presenter to only put essential information on the screen.