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## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Forums

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The Governor's Education Summit™ is grounded in the belief that education is the universal pathway to prosperity, and technology is a catalyst for educational reform. With that in mind, a set of **21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Forums** will highlight the morning program, enabling participants to meet and collaborate with colleagues from around the state, access breakthrough content developed by their peers, and propel their technology expertise to the next level.

The **21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Forums** will be conducted as facilitated discussions and demonstrations, and will take place from 10:30 – 12:15. They will focus on four distinct topic areas:

### Digital Natives: Are They Really Different?

As native speakers of digital language, young people think and process information in an entirely different way from previous generations. Learn more about this generation, and how they are really different. Students and teachers from around the state will highlight their experiences in an educational world that is often heavily populated with digital immigrants.

Facilitator: Jane Perzyk; Consultant; MI-LIFE  
Presenter(s): Teacher Neva Li and Students  
Crockett Technical High School (Detroit, MI)

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Educators as Producers of Knowledge

Our job as educators is to help students and ourselves to become producers of knowledge. We also need to help each other understand the transformative potential of this digital environment in which we live, and embrace the tools in a global perspective and context.

Facilitator: Jim Wenzloff; Education Consultant; November Learning

Presenter(s): Teacher Kyle Hughes and Students: Digital Storytelling  
Clarkston High School (Clarkston, MI)

Teacher Ken Reaves and Students: Digital/Media Communications  
Crockett Technical High School (Detroit, MI)

### Creating Collaborative Learning Communities

While technology-based online collaborative learning communities appear more complicated than face-to-face environments, they are changing traditional curricula and learning environments. These changes help better service today's 21<sup>st</sup> century learners, and their global needs and expectations. Learn how educators are using a variety of social networking tools (blogs, wikis, etc) to meet the diverse needs of their students.

Facilitator: Bob Harris; Consultant; Michigan Education Association

Presenter(s): Dr. Roxanne Cullen; Associate Vice President Academic Affairs  
Ferris State University (Big Rapids, MI)

Jeff Grabill, Co-Director  
Writing in Digital Environments (WIDE) Research Center

Dr. Michael Harris; Provost & Vice President Academic Affairs  
Kettering University (Flint, MI)

### Are We Ready?? Professional Development & Teacher Preparation

As the 21<sup>st</sup> century unfolds, it is increasingly clear that schools must become dramatically more successful with a wide range of diverse learners. Our students need to be prepared to participate in a knowledge-based society. The kind of pedagogy needed to help students think critically, create and solve complex problems, as well as to master ambitious subject matter content is much more demanding in today's digital world.

Facilitator: Sam LoPresto; Project Director  
Michigan Association of School Administrators

Presenter(s): Marie Zuk; Consultant  
Convergent Technology Partners

Jane Frank; Apple Distinguished Education  
Apple

Flora Jenkins; Director  
Michigan Department of Education  
Office of Professional Preparation Services