

Save the Date

2012 MEGA Conference



No Small Change

November 14th - 16th

Radisson Fort McDowell
Scottsdale/Fountain Hills, AZ

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Common Core Standards, new assessments, Move on When Reading, teacher and principal evaluation systems, ESEA Flexibility, new graduation requirements – the changes that Arizona educators need to absorb and implement no longer are looming over the horizon - they are here! This year's Mega Conference theme – *No Small Change* – reflects the importance of providing a framework to manage these significant changes to our education landscape.

In his book *Change Leadership* Tony Wagner describes a systematic approach to managing change – the 4 C's. The entire conference provides the **context** of the global and local visions of what students need to know. Within are three overlapping dimensions that are themes for each day: **culture (Wednesday)**, **conditions for learning (Thursday)**, and **competencies of adults (Friday)**.

Wednesday, Keynote Speaker: Dr. Yong Zhao

Dr. Yong Zhao is an internationally known scholar, author, and speaker. His works focus on the implications of globalization and technology on education. He has designed schools that cultivate global competence, developed computer games for language learning, and founded research and development institutions to explore innovative education models. He has published over 100 articles and 20 books



Thursday, Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mike Schmoker

Dr. Mike Schmoker is a former Arizona school administrator, English teacher and football coach. He has written five books and dozens of articles for educational journals and newspapers; and is a regular columnist for *Phi Delta Kappan*, and for *TIME* magazine.

MEGA Registration - \$375 per person, attending all 3 days, November 14-16

The 3 day registration will enable you to participate in a variety of workshops, including the School Leadership Strand on Thursday and the Business Managers Strand on Friday. There will also be informative and innovative keynote speakers!

Target Audience: Federal Program Directors, Business Managers, Superintendents, Charter Directors, Curriculum and Assessment Directors

The MEGA Conference is offering two special strands allowing School Leadership and Business Managers to attend one day only:

School Leadership Strand - \$150 per person (attending Thursday, November 15th only)

To provide an opportunity to bring Title I Program Directors and LEA/School Leaders together to gain a better understanding of how each level of leadership provides a culture of continuous improvement that will result in ever-improving student success. Highlights include MEGA's Partnership Expo that will showcase successful school models, non-profit resources for schools with a focus on the Arts, and much more.

Target Audience: LEA Administrators, Federal Program Directors, Principals, and School Leadership

Business Managers Strand - \$120 per person (attending Friday, November 16th only)

To provide an opportunity for Title I Program Directors and Business Managers to gain a better understanding of the responsibilities of these two roles and how they overlap, and provide maximum support for your LEA's federal programs.

Target Audience: Business Managers, CFOs, Finance Directors, and Federal Program Directors

Hotel Reservations

A block of guest rooms are being held exclusively for MEGA attendees at the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort for a special contracted rate of \$103.00 a night + tax. Please call 480 789-5300 to make reservations, before October 15, 2012.

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If you experience hotel reservation issues, please email Laura.Dudzik@azed.gov or call (602) 364-1851.

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