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A Message from New Montana Edgenuity Rep., Chet Riddle...

I hope the spring semester is progressing well for you and your students. Knowing with Spring comes “planning” time for next school year, I thought it relevant to share what’s new at Edgenuity. If you see anything here that catches your eye and would like to learn more, get a free trial, or demo, simply reach me and we can setup some time to talk.

What’s New for 2021:

- **NEW CTE offerings:** we now have over 100 CTE courses and 6 Career Pathways available (updated

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The Consortium for School Networking (CoSN) and its Montana state affiliate chapter, Montana Educational Technologists Association (META) are pleased to continue to support the work of current and aspiring superintendents and district leadership teams in leading all aspects of digital learning transformations.

The Empowered Superintendent edWebinar Series – Monday, March 8, 2021, 3:00 pm MT
“Leading Learning in a Blended Environment: What Works for Students, Teachers and Administrators”

The upcoming episode of the monthly EmpowerED Superintendent Webinar series, co-hosted by CoSN, AASA and edWeb.net, and sponsored by ClassLink, airs on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 3:00 pm MT. The March webinar is titled *Leading Learning in a Blended Environment: What Works for Students, Teachers and Administrators*. In this edWebinar, three superintendents, Dr. Mark Benigni, Superintendent Meriden Public Schools, CT, Dr. Alan Siebert, Superintendent Salem City Schools, VA and Dr. Jason Van Heukelum, Superintendent, Winchester Public Schools, VA share the leadership strategies they have employed to get the most out of blended learning for their students, teachers and administrators. Diane Doersch, Technology Director for the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools Program at Digital Promise will also join in the conversation. Examples of effective blended learning strategies will be shared along with resources to assist others in leading and implementing successful blended learning environments.

full MT course list [here](#))

- **Social & Emotional Learning:** 3 Brand new Courses are now live and **FREE** for existing customers through July 1- contact me if you haven't accessed already, or for a free pilot for non-customers. [Here](#) is a full course list of our existing SEL offerings if you'd like to add the entire bundle
- **K-5 Intervention:** brand new and improved platform called MyPath K-5
 - Imports NWEA MAP or Ren. STAR scores (also has built in, adaptive diagnostic assessment included if you don't use MAP or STAR) to create fully ADAPTIVE, personalized, and automatic learning paths for each student
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 - Award winning instructional design with engaging content: Math & ELA specific
- **Learning Loss/Summer School:**
 - New custom courses targeting COVID learning loss – available **FREE** to existing customers, non-customer learn how to access by contacting me
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- **CORE Curriculum Offering:** [LearnZillion](#)
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 - Learn more, [here](#)
 - Please keep LearnZillion/Edgenuity in mind as you enter Math and ELA Core curriculum reviews

Free registration for the March 8, 2021 webinar is now available [HERE](#) Webinars in this series are also freely available as recordings [HERE](#) and via podcast [HERE](#) a day or two after the initial live broadcast.

Leading Digital Learning – CoSN Resources

A one-page document, [Leadership for Digital Learning](#), provides leaders with four essential components for leading blended learning in 1-to-1 environments. Additionally the [CoSN Leadership for Digital Learning Initiative](#) web page is designed to help educational leaders overcome barriers to effectively develop, plan, implement and manage policies and best practices. The published resources are on-point and relevant to district leaders in the “new normal” of constant change.

CoSN 2021 Virtual Conference

The 2021 Annual CoSN Conference, scheduled for March 2-4, features interactive breakout sessions, LIVE keynotes, unique networking opportunities, and more. Learn more and register for CoSN 2021 at <https://cosnconference.org>.

If your school or district would like more information about joining CoSN or getting more involved with CoSN, please contact Biran Calvary, CAE, CoSN Director of Membership and Chapters, at bcalvary@cosn.org.



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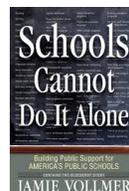


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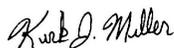
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The Consortium for School Networking (CoSN) and its Montana state affiliate chapter, [Montana Educational Technologists Association \(META\)](#) are pleased to continue to support the work of current and aspiring superintendents and district leadership teams in lading all aspects of digital learning transformations.

The Empowered Superintendent edWebinar Series – Monday, March 8, 2021, 3:00 pm MT
“Leading Learning in a Blended Environment: What Works for Students, Teachers and Administrators”

Register **HERE!**



A Message from New Montana Edgenuity Rep., Chet Riddle...

I hope the spring semester is progressing well for you and your students. Knowing with Spring comes “planning” time for next school year, I thought it relevant to share what’s new at Edgenuity. If you see anything here that catches your eye and would like to learn more, get a free trial, or demo, simply reach me and we can setup some time to talk.

What’s New for 2021:

- **NEW CTE offerings:** we now have over 100 CTE courses and 6 Career Pathways available (updated full MT course list [here](#))
- **Social & Emotional Learning:** 3 Brand new Courses are now live and **FREE** for existing customers through July 1- contact me if you haven’t accessed already, or for a free pilot for non-customers. [Here](#) is a full course list of our existing SEL offerings if you’d like to add the entire bundle
- **K-5 Intervention:** brand new and improved platform called MyPath K-5
 - Imports NWEA MAP or Ren. STAR scores (also has built in, adaptive diagnostic assessment included if you don’t use MAP or STAR) to create fully ADAPTIVE, personalized, and automatic learning paths for each student
 - Improved and simplified progress monitoring and small grouping info for teachers
 - Award winning instructional design with engaging content: Math & ELA specific
- **Learning Loss/Summer School:**
 - New custom courses targeting COVID learning loss – available **FREE** to existing customers, non-customer learn how to access by contacting me
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- **CORE Curriculum Offering:** [LearnZillion](#)
 - Offers the best PERSONALIZED delivery of the highest-quality curricula from Illustrative Mathematics®, EL Education, and Guidebooks—all of which scored all green on EdReports
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 - Frees teachers to connect with individual students, leveraging teachers’ best instincts and better equipping them to do the same for their students.
 - Learn more, [here](#)
 - Please keep LearnZillion/Edgenuity in mind as you enter Math and ELA Core curriculum reviews

The upcoming episode of the monthly EmpowerED Superintendent Webinar series, co-hosted by CoSN, AASA and edWeb.net, and sponsored by ClassLink, airs on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 3:00 pm MT. The March webinar is titled *Leading Learning in a Blended Environment: What Works for Students, Teachers and Administrators*. In this edWebinar, three superintendents, Dr. Mark Benigni, Superintendent Meriden Public Schools, CT, Dr. Alan Siebert, Superintendent Salem City Schools, VA and Dr. Jason Van Heukelum, Superintendent, Winchester Public Schools, VA share the leadership strategies they have employed to get the most out of blended learning for their students, teachers and administrators. Diane Doersch, Technology Director for the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools Program at Digital Promise will also join in the conversation. Examples of effective blended learning strategies will be shared along with resources to assist others in leading and implementing successful blended learning environments.

Free registration for the March 8, 2021 webinar is now available [HERE](#). Webinars in this series are also freely available as recordings [HERE](#) and via podcast [HERE](#) a day or two after the initial live broadcast.

Leading Digital Learning – CoSN Resources

A one-page document, [Leadership for Digital Learning](#), provides leaders with four essential components for leading blended learning in 1-to-1 environments. Additionally the [CoSN Leadership for Digital Learning Initiative](#) web page is designed to help educational leaders overcome barriers to effectively develop, plan, implement and manage policies and best practices. The published resources are on-point and relevant to district leaders in the “new normal” of constant change.

CoSN 2021 Virtual Conference

The 2021 Annual CoSN Conference, scheduled for March 2-4, features interactive breakout sessions, LIVE keynotes, unique networking opportunities, and more. Learn more and register for CoSN 2021 at <https://cosnconference.org>.

If your school or district would like more information about joining CoSN or getting more involved with CoSN, please contact Biran Calvary, CAE, CoSN Director of Membership and Chapters, at bcalvary@cosn.org.



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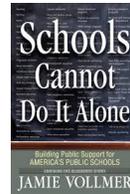


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