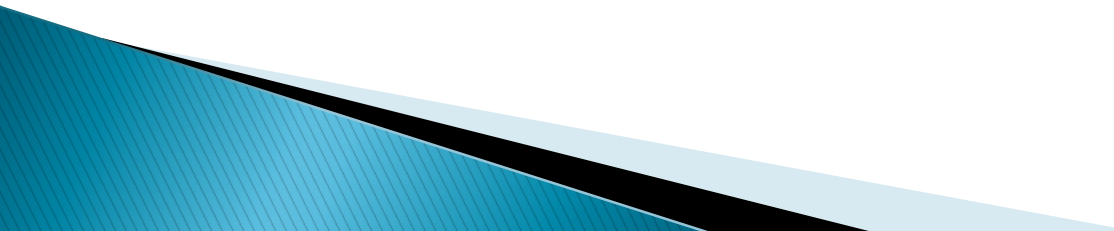


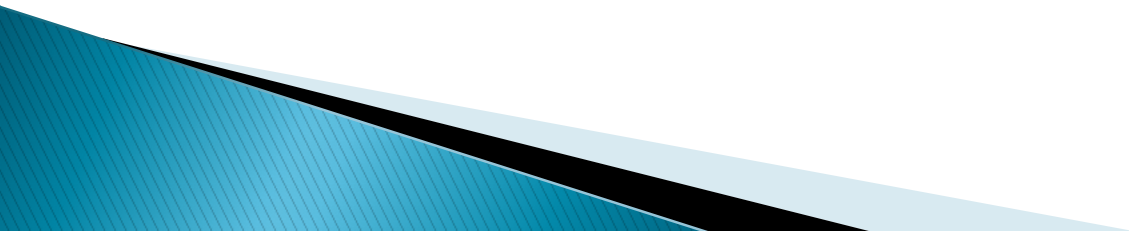
National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform

Convened in 1997 by a group of like-minded educators, researchers, officers of national associations and foundations who were committed to promoting the academic performance and healthy development of young adolescents



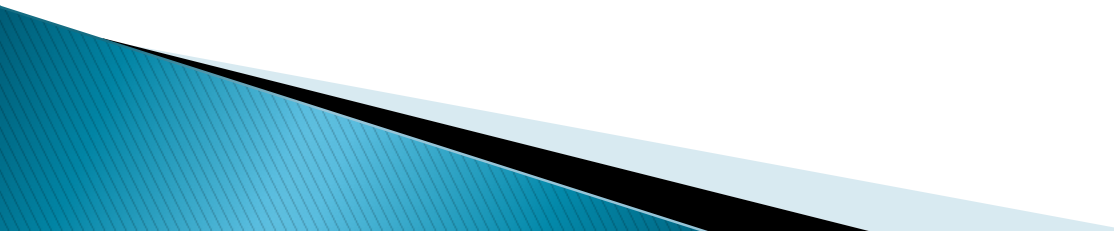
MISSION of the National Forum

To unite key stakeholders to speak with a common voice to leverage research, policy, leadership, and replicable practices to drive middle grades reform

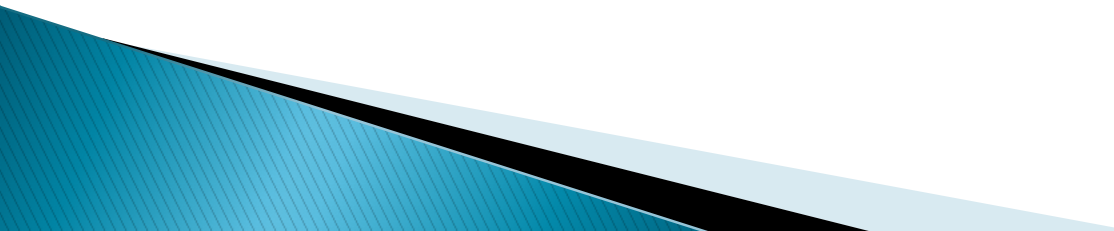


VISION of the National Forum

In order to prepare students to be lifelong learners ready for college, career, and citizenship, the National Forum seeks to make every middle-grades school academically excellent, responsive to the developmental needs and interests of young adolescents and socially equitable.



National Forum's 8 Pillars of Work

1. Schools to Watch Program
 2. Research
 3. Advocacy
 4. Grant Work
 5. Publications and Products
 6. Professional Development
 7. Continuous Improvement
 8. Partnerships and Collaborations
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Membership in the National Forum

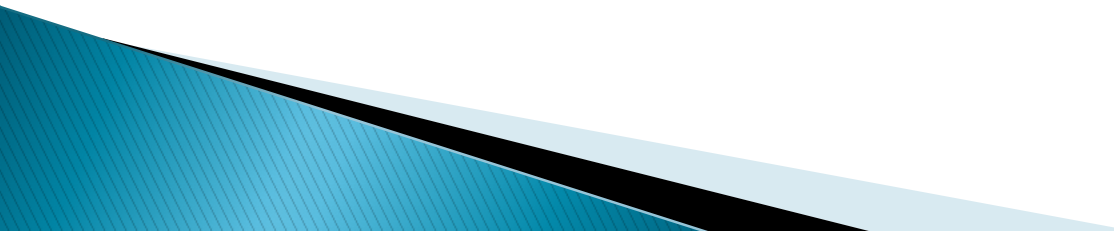
3 Membership Categories

3 Levels of Engagement

3 Sets of Benefits

- ❖ Advocating Membership (individual)
 - ❖ Contributing Membership (individual)
 - ❖ Institutional Membership (schools)
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Why Become a Forum Member

- Tangible Benefits
 - Intangible Benefits
 - Validate the Forum's Mission and Vision
 - Support the STW's Parent Organization and the STW State program
 - A first step in becoming actively involved in the work of the Forum
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TODAY'S ASKS

- ✓ Read the materials carefully
 - ✓ Share materials with middle-level colleagues
 - ✓ Seriously consider becoming a Contributing Member AND enrolling your school as an Institutional Member
 - ✓ Any questions, call or email me at 518-356-3299 or davidpayton412@gmail.com
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