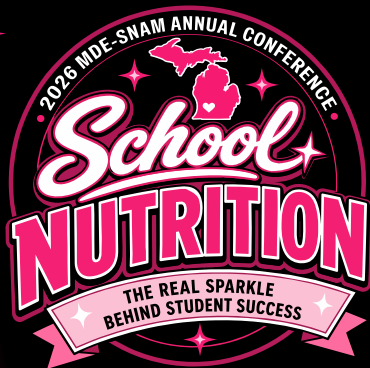




# 2026 MDE-SNAM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 5-8, 2026 | KALAMAZOO, MI



## TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA

| THURSDAY<br>NOVEMBER 5                                                                                           | FRIDAY<br>NOVEMBER 6                                                  | SATURDAY<br>NOVEMBER 7                                                                                                         | SUNDAY<br>NOVEMBER 8                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7:00-8:00 AM<br><b>Breakfast On Your Own</b>                                                                     | 7:00 AM-7:00 PM<br><b>Registration</b><br>Foyer                       | 7:00 AM-1:30 PM<br><b>Registration</b><br>Foyer                                                                                | 9:00-9:45 AM<br><b>Breakfast Buffet</b><br>Ballroom                                                     |
| 7:30 AM-3:30 PM<br><b>Registration</b>                                                                           | 7:15-8:00 AM<br><b>Breakfast Buffet</b><br>Arcadia Ballroom           | 7:15-8:00 AM<br><b>Breakfast Buffet</b><br>Arcadia Ballroom                                                                    | 9:45-11:00 AM<br><b>General Session:<br/>Installation of Officers &amp;<br/>Door Prizes</b><br>Ballroom |
| 7:45 AM-12:00 PM<br><b>Pre-Con: Sparking<br/>Innovation with Local Food</b><br>Off-Site / Meet in Radisson Lobby | 8:00-8:45 AM<br><b>General Session</b><br>Arcadia Ballroom            | 8:00-9:00 AM<br><b>General Session and<br/>Keynote</b><br>Arcadia Ballroom                                                     | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM<br><b>SNAM Board of Directors<br/>Meeting</b>                                         |
| 1:00-5:00 PM<br><b>Pre-Con: The Sparkle Starts<br/>with Smart Swaps in School<br/>Kitchens</b>                   | 9:00-10:00 AM<br><b>Breakout Sessions</b>                             | 9:15-10:00 AM<br><b>Breakout Sessions</b>                                                                                      |                                                                                                         |
| 6:00 PM<br><b>Dinner On Your Own</b>                                                                             | 10:15-11:15 AM<br><b>Breakout Sessions</b>                            | 10:15-11:00 AM<br><b>Breakout Sessions</b>                                                                                     |                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                  | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM<br><b>Lunch</b><br>Arcadia Ballroom                 | 11:15 AM-12:00 PM<br><b>Breakout Sessions</b>                                                                                  |                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                  | 12:45-1:30 PM<br><b>Breakout Sessions</b>                             | 12:15-1:00 PM<br><b>Breakout Sessions</b>                                                                                      |                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                  | 1:45-2:30 PM<br><b>Breakout Sessions</b>                              | 12:30-1:30 PM<br><b>Exhibit Show</b><br>Wings Event Center<br><i>Directors Only</i>                                            |                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                  | 2:45-3:30 PM<br><b>Breakout Sessions</b>                              | 1:30-3:30 PM<br><b>Exhibit Show</b><br>Wings Event Center / All Registrants                                                    |                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                  | 3:30 PM<br><b>Beyond the Sessions with<br/>MDE</b><br>Kalamazoo Foyer | 5:00-6:00 PM<br><b>Prized Partners Reception</b><br><i>Diamond &amp; Platinum Partners and<br/>Director Level Members Only</i> |                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                  | 6:00-8:00 PM<br><b>Welcome Reception</b><br>Michigan Room             | 6:30-8:30 PM<br><b>Dinner &amp; Awards</b><br>Arcadia Ballroom                                                                 |                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                  |                                                                       | 8:30-10:30 PM<br><b>Evening Entertainment</b><br>Arcadia Ballroom                                                              |                                                                                                         |