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### **EDUCATION**

- 1985 University of Chicago, Ph. D. Educational Administration  
Dissertation: The Principal and Technological Innovation
- 1978 University of Chicago, MA Educational Administration
- 1972 Dartmouth College, BA Political Science

### **EMPLOYMENT**

- 2007 – present President, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA)
- Opened IMSA Field Offices in Chicago, Belleville and Rock Island.
  - Led IMSA to receiving Intel’s “Star Innovator Award” as the top high school in America.
  - Grew funding for IMSA during Illinois’ financial crisis.
- 2002 - 2007 Superintendent, Wilmette School District 39, Wilmette, IL
- Transformed culture from one of complacency, entitlement and distrust to one of collaborative commitment to move District 39 from “great to greater.”
  - Initiated comprehensive “action research” on performance by gender and launched a district-wide commitment to using differentiated strategies to improve the reading and writing abilities of young men.
  - Established a national benchmark consortium of high performing school districts with demographics and aspirations similar to Wilmette’s.
- 2002 - 2004 Senior Research Associate, Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies, DeKalb, IL
- Conducted and later published a scholarly research study of “Golden Spike” high performing, high poverty schools.
  - Completed and presented case study that identified ways to reduce the dropout rate of Latino students.
  - Developed and implemented a framework for benchmarking similar school performance and efficiency.
- 1999 – 2001 State Superintendent of Education, Illinois State Board of Education
- Led successful legislative initiative to incorporate the ACT into the Prairie State Examination.

- Guided legislation to include accountability provisions in the Reading Improvement Block Grant that assured instruction for struggling readers would be “data driven.”
- Launched an Early Childhood Education initiative that has resulted in significant funding increases annually since 2000.
- Revamped the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) executive leadership team, investment consultants and investment policies to improve dramatically the TRS return on investment.

1991 – 1998 Superintendent, Deerfield School District 109, Deerfield, IL

- Implemented system of measurable “cascading goals” to align district, school and classroom activities and initiatives with the strategic plan.
- Transformed the culture from one of labor management unrest to one of collaborative commitment to continuous improvement.
- Directed implementation of a reading improvement program that enabled struggling readers to gain nearly two years in reading performance for every year they were in the program.

1986 – 1991 Superintendent, Aptakisic-Tripp District 102, Buffalo Grove, IL

- Managed the explosive growth of Buffalo Grove by passing two referenda and building two schools and a major addition in five years.
- Increased the academic rigor and achievement of what had been the lowest performing district of the Stevenson High School sender districts.
- Instituted an expansive technology acquisition, training and education initiative.

1980 – 1986 Principal, Fairview School, Darien District 61, Darien, IL

1975 - 1980 Teacher, Fairview School, Darien District 61, Darien, IL

1972 - 1975 Teacher, Detroit Country Day School, Southfield, MI

## **RECENT RELATED LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

2011 – present Governor’s State Report Card Steering Committee

2010 – present National Research Council’s Congressional Workshop on Highly Successful STEM Education in K-12 Schools Steering Committee Member

2010 - present Governor’s P-20 Council Member; Chairman of Assessment Committee

2010 - present Illinois Association for Gifted Children Board of Directors

2007 – present Diversified Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Board of Directors

2005 – 2009 Governor’s Illinois Educational Excellence Task Force

2004 - 2009 Governor’s Education Accountability Task Force on Education

2003 - present Golden Apple Foundation Board of Directors; Past Chairman

2001 – present Great Books Foundation Board of Directors

- 2003 - 2004      President, North Cook County Illinois Association of School Administrators
- 1999 - 2002      Jobs for America's Graduates Board of Directors
- 1999 - 2001      President, Illinois Teachers' Retirement System
- 1999 - 2001      North Central Regional Education Laboratory Board of Directors
- 1999 - 2001      Illinois Council of Economic Education Board of Directors

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Igniting and Nurturing Diverse STEM Talent: Embracing the Opportunities and Challenges of Academically Talented Urban Youth, by Design,” coauthored with Stephanie Pace Marshall, Eric McLaren and Cathy Veal. *Gifted Child Today*, v. 32, no.1, Winter, 2011.

*The Perfect School*, coauthored with Jim Burgett and Jim Rosborg. Santa Rosa, CA: Communications Unlimited, May 1, 2007.

“Closing the Achievement Gap: Lessons from Illinois’ High Poverty High Performing Golden Spike Schools” *Journal for the Education of Students Placed at Risk*, v. 9, no. 2, January 2004.

*What Every Superintendent and Principal Needs to Know: School Leadership for the Real World*, coauthored with Jim Burgett and Jim Rosborg. Santa Rosa, CA: Communications Unlimited, 2003.

“Implications of the Federal “Leave No Child Behind Act” *Policy Profiles* volume 2, no. 2 NIU Center for Governmental Studies, 2002.

“What State Tests Test.” Resources in Education ERIC Document Ed 406 452. 1997.

“A Case Study of School Principals in the United States and Japan: Metaphors of Fire and Water.” Resources in Education ERIC Document Ed 028 424. 1997.

“A Child of Water.” *Inside Triathlon*. November 1995.

“The Problem of Proliferating Assessment” *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 1993.

## **RECENT PRESENTATIONS – STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL**

- May 2011            “Transforming Schools into Teaching and Learning Laboratories,” Intel ISEF Educator Academy, Los Angeles, CA.
- April 2011        “Excellent Adventures in Global Collaboration,” presentation and “Innovation Station: Teaching Teens Talent,” panelist, Intel Visionary Conference, Washington, DC.

March 2011 “Transforming the Paradigm of Educating Children,” Keynote Address, Superintendents Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity, Tinley Park, IL.

November 2010 “Considerations in Ethics,” National Association for Gifted Children Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.

October 2010 “Illinois Standards Revision” panelist, Illinois ASCD Common Core Standards Symposium, Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL.

July 2010 “Fostering a School Culture of Innovation, Collaboration and Creativity,” Keynote Address, The Education Innovation Summit, Beijing, China.

May 2010 “Proven Practices and Programs That Highly Engage Students and Foster Deep Conceptual Understanding in STEM Education,” Intel ISEF Educator Academy, Phoenix, AZ.

April 2010 “Leadership for Technological Transformation,” Keynote Address, Midwest Tech Forum, Itasca, IL.

March 2010 “Identifying and Developing Talent and Potential in Children of Color,” Keynote Address, Superintendents’ Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity Annual Conference, Tinley Park, IL.

February 2010 Keynote Address, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Regional Offices of Education (ROE 10) Science Educators’ Conference, Carlinville, IL.

February 2010 “Teaching STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math for Deep Conceptual Understanding,” Illinois Association for Gifted Children Conference, Chicago, IL.

November 2009 “The Future of Science Education,” Illinois Science Teachers Association Conference, Peoria, IL.

October 2009 “Exceeds is the New Meets: Teaching and Learning for Deep Conceptual Understanding in Math and Science,” featured speaker, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mt. Vernon Conference, Mt. Vernon, IL.

October 2009 “Equity, Excellence, Access: Closing the Achievement Gap,” Dominican University, River Forest, IL

September 2009 Intel Schools of Distinction Awards, Washington, D.C.  
Dr. McGee accepted the Intel “Star Innovator” Award as President of IMSA.

May 2009 “Teaching Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) for Deep Conceptual Understanding,” International Students Science Fair, Singapore, China.