

**Mid-Western Educational Research Association Conference 2020**  
**October 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Kingsgate Conference Center, Graduate Hotels Cincinnati**



**Conference Theme: The Power of Educational Research: Impacting Change**

How can we share educational research and impact change? How can we use educational research to inform, persuade, and develop knowledge in our fields of study? The struggle to challenge and reaffirm particular educational practices is at the heart of educational research. However, educational research is commonly accessed solely by those in the field of education, and often only at the level of academia. It can feel like educational researchers read and write for each other, and that changes in schooling move at a very slow pace.

In order to meet the needs of students, parents, teachers, school leaders, and communities, we must choose topics and develop research studies that are relevant and meaningful to contemporary schooling. Moreover, we may need to go beyond our typical publication possibilities so that what we learn is distributed in a way that can be accessed by those inside and outside of the field. Some of the current concerns in education include the following:

- High-stakes testing
- Social Emotional Learning
- Sustainability
- Schools and mental health issues
- Teacher recruitment, preparation and retention
- Over-identification of students of color and English learners in special education
- School Leadership
- Governance of curricular decisions
- Cost of higher education

How might we more effectively engage in and utilize educational research that addresses these issues in education? How might we attend to such issues as power and representation? How might we more strategically and holistically distribute findings? How can we use educational research to nourish our minds and facilitate learning? Come to the MWERA conference in Cincinnati in 2020 to explore these issues and more!

\* As always proposals, **which are due May 15th**, will be accepted that do not match the conference theme. (Mwera.org)