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LEARNING INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION?

LITE is a nonprofit Michigan corporation dedicated to assist in the integration of Technology Education in the schools. Teacher inservice workshops (Technology Fests) will be organized and managed; Technology Learning Activities (TLAs) will be published to keep teachers up-to-date on happenings and materials in Technology Education.

To sum it up in one sentence, the Learning Institute for Technology Education will be a center of resources for Technology Education.



Springfest 1999:

Michigan Curriculum Framework:
From School Improvement Plan to Lesson Plan

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Letter from the Editor

by Christine Bengston

Dear Readers:

As this new year begins it gives all of us a chance to look back and ponder the past year. It seems to me that the years seem to fly by now! Beginning the last year of this century somehow seems more important than past years to me. It feels like a time to really evaluate the past and look to where I want to be in the future personally and professionally. It is an exciting time for all of us!

In this issue on pages 3-4 we have an article from Dr. Jim Levande. His article gives us a yardstick to measure where we are and want to be with Technology Education. Be sure to share it with peers and administrators both as a vision and as a validation of our efforts. We also have a short description of a new major at Western Michigan

University of Technology and Design. The short piece on the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Workshop "Meeting of the Minds" gives us an opportunity to see where future endeavors of this organization will impact education. As always our curriculum pieces offer some practical ideas for use in your classrooms.

The SpringFest will be held in St. Johns this year. Many interesting and exciting workshops will be waiting for you Saturday, February 27th. I hope to see all of you there!

We want to hear from you! We welcome your articles, comments, and tips. Refer to the **LITE Source** editorial policy on the cover for submission information.

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