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BE A MEMBER: Join NELMS in keeping “Magic in the Middle” strong!!!

It is the time of year for the **New England League of Middle Schools Annual Membership** drive. We look forward to you being part of this important and relevant Middle Level organization that includes schools throughout New England. Along with our member schools NELMS knows how challenging the needs of 2014 are, that partnerships and collaboration are crucial, and the value of a focus on the unique needs of the young adolescent cannot be ignored. We understand the importance of effective instructional strategies, the assessment pressures, and the need for quality learning environments that include strong student engagement and motivation. We understand that positive student outcomes are essential, implementing effective instructional strategies is not easy, and quality teaching requires life long learning. We also know the work in schools is impacted by social and economic issues, the diversity of needs of our student population, and the complexity of how we obtain success.

To meet these challenges we recognize that schools require advocacy, technical assistance, and general support. Most importantly, we know that extensive and intensive professional development is essential in order to promote effective teaching and learning. This is what the NELMS non-profit organization is all about.

NELMS and schools serving middle level students are critical partners in providing collaborative efforts to meet the current needs. We are proud and thankful for this alliance that is demonstrated in one way through your membership with us. We encourage you to continue your membership or become a new one to join a group of educators committed to the understanding of the young adolescent learner.

NELMS continues to diligently work to insure you have a **VALUE** to your membership.

MEMBERSHIP provides:

- Professional Development specific to middle level
- A \$100.00 complimentary school voucher that can be used towards the registration for any professional development activity between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015
- CEU's and Graduate Credits
- Program and/or school assessment
- Opportunity to become a Spotlight School
- Recognitions of teachers and administrators implementing best practices
- Scholar Leader Dinner
- Midlines Publication

- Discounted rates for professional development and NELMS events
- Information specific to middle level
- Advocacy and networking for middle level education
- Purchase of professional books at a discounted rate

On behalf of NELMS, I thank you for the ongoing collaboration and support. For your convenience a membership invoice is attached.

Be passionate about the MIDDLE; join right away to support the “Magic in the Middle”.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda".

Brenda Needham, Executive Director