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## Washtenaw teacher innovators honored at national event

MINNEAPOLIS, MN — Leaders of a movement to put teachers in the driver’s seat will be celebrated in November at “The Great Teacher-Powered Get Together.” The biennial national conference from Education Evolving hosts hundreds from teacher teams designing and leading student-centered schools.

The 2022 honoree for the Teacher-Powered District-School Partnership Award is the **Washtenaw Educational Options Consortium (WEOC)**. This honor comes on the heels of WEOC being named a 2021 Top Workplace by the *Detroit Free Press*.

The Teacher-Powered District-School Partnership award recognizes districts and schools working cooperatively to uphold student-centered, teacher-powered practices. WEOC was created by a consortium of school districts in Southeastern Michigan to serve 6-12th grade students needing differentiated learning experiences including early college (Early College Alliance @Eastern Michigan University), International Baccalaureate (Washtenaw International High School and Middle Academy), and virtual schooling (Washtenaw Alliance for Virtual Education) options. The consortium is a hub of innovative collaborative leadership and student-centered learning practices and continues to grow to equitably meet the needs of all students in their region. David Dugger, Executive Director of WEOC, says the honor is yet another validation that the consortium cultivates exceptional educators who in turn provide a stellar learning environment for students.

“Our leadership team has established a culture that empowers staff to lead, innovate, and collaborate to benefit all students and families within the WEOC educational programs community,” Dugger says. “I’m very proud of what we’ve built, and we continue to explore avenues to keep our educational approach fresh, relevant, and vibrant for students.”

### **About Education Evolving**

Education Evolving is a Minnesota-based, national nonprofit, driving transformational designs for learning, encouraging larger professional roles for educators, and policies that catalyze community-led innovation. They run the key initiative for the Teacher-Powered Schools movement. [teacherpowered.org](http://teacherpowered.org)

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