Goals of the Session

1. Provide an overview of *The Encyclopedia of Middle Grades Education* (2nd ed.)

2. Exchange ideas for using the *Encyclopedia* with practitioners, undergraduate and graduate students, and others

3. Invite conversation about how the *Encyclopedia* entries can be research starters or springboards for writing
The 1st Edition...

- Overview of the field
- Seven anchor essays (e.g., History of the Middle School Movement)
- Many short and long entries about concepts, ideas, terms, people, organizations, and influential publications
The 2nd Edition...

- Overview of the field
- More than 10 years after the 1st edition
- Numerous short and long entries about concepts, ideas, terms, people, organizations, and influential publications
The People

Editors

- Steven B. Mertens, Illinois State University
- Micki M. Caskey, Portland State University
- Nancy Flowers, CPRD, University of Illinois

Contributors

- Nearly 160 Experts
The Timing

2014

• Initiated the project for a 2\textsuperscript{nd} edition
• Agreed on the purpose, audience, and format
• Engaged in a deliberate process to update and expand the 2\textsuperscript{nd} edition.
  • Determined the relevance of entries
  • Developed a list of new topics
• Distributed the “Call for Entries”
The Timing

2015

• Received long and short entries: new, substantively revised, and updated from nearly 160 contributors

• Began the review and editorial process of more than 200 entries

• Two rounds: Initial and Final Drafts
The Timing

2016

• Submitted manuscript—all the front matter and entries—to IAP for production
• Engaged in proofing process
• Published!
• Announced the publication
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- More than 210 entries
- Types of entries
  - Long entries: 2000 words
  - Short entries: 500 words
- 25% increase in the number of entries over the first edition
Ideas for using the *Encyclopedia* with...

- Practitioners
  - Teachers
  - Administrators
- Undergraduate and Graduate Students
- Others interested in Middle Grades Education
Encyclopedia entries as

- Research starters
- Springboards for writing
Thank you!

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