Plus a yummy, continental breakfast and a scrumptious lunch!

A Hands-on, 1 Day, Professional Development Opportunity
for Teachers of English and ELA in Grades 6 – 12

✓ Are you looking for some provocative new texts to engage every learner?
✓ Still wondering how best to address the “text complexity” required in the new Core Standards?
✓ Would you love to access 65 “fresh mentor texts” for your high school and middle school English and ELA classroom?

Each teacher participant will receive:

■ A copy of the new Daniels and Steineke text
  (See more information about the text on page 2 below.)
■ Time to read and discuss the scaffolding and “step-by-step” structures modeled in the text
■ Time to try out several lessons and discuss them “in-depth” with colleagues
■ Two hours to plan for your own curriculum (How cool is that?)

When: Friday, January 31st, 2014, Registration & Breakfast 8:30 A.M.; Content begins at 9:00 A.M.
Where: Winding Brook Conference Center, 4 miles South of Mt. Pleasant: http://giresd.net/Page/127
Directions: http://goo.gl/maps/Gkdcd
Cost: $99 per person (This one day event ends by 2:30 P.M. to allow for travel time.)
Facilitators: Toby Kahn-Loftus, Pres, Foundation for Teaching and Literacy, Director, RCWP Top-of-the-Mitt
Dan Polleys, Boyne City Middle School, Co-Director, RCWP Top-of-the-Mitt Satellite

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Registrations must arrive or be posted by Friday, Jan. 17, 2014 so we can order the texts in time.
(MDE Clock-hours will be available upon approval; $10 per person)
“Harvey “Smokey” Daniels and Nancy Steineke share their powerful strategies for engaging students in challenging, meaningful reading of fiction and poetry using some of their favorite short, fresh texts—or, as they put it, “full-strength adult literature that gives us English majors a run for our interpretive money— but is still intriguing enough to keep teen readers digging and thinking.” Use the 37 innovative, step-by-step, common-core-correlated lessons with the reproducible texts provided, with selections from your literature textbook, or with your own best-loved texts to teach close reading skills and deep comprehension strategies. Give students opportunities to read and synthesize across texts with the 8 thematic text set lessons provided, or use the model unit outlines for using the lessons with The Giver, To Kill a Mockingbird, and The Great Gatsby as springboards for planning your own novel studies.”

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