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To our attendees, presenters and exhibitors whose participation in This is IT² 2019 is deeply valued to us!



I regret to inform you that as a result of this winter's relentless hold on our region, we have decided to cancel This is IT² 2019 which was scheduled to take place on March 10 and 11, 2019 in Pipestone, MN. This is not a decision we were able to come to lightly, but one that we have made in the best interest of our member school districts and their students, staff and administrators. With an unprecedented 7 to 10 days cancelled due to weather so far, and many more early dismissals and early outs, it is becoming difficult for the staff in our schools to make up the very valuable time needing to be spent with their students. In cancelling now, we also wanted to make sure to allow for adequate time for you to cancel travel and lodging accommodations.

To our presenters, thank you so much for your willingness to share your knowledge with our participants, some of you have been with us presenting for each of the 12 previous years of This is IT² where we dodged the weather events! We hope you will consider presenting again at our future events as well as other regional Education Technology Conferences that provide such valuable professional development opportunities to Educators and Education Technology personnel throughout the state and region. For our exhibitors, we truly appreciate your ongoing support, sharing of the innovation you are bringing to education through technology and we hope that you will continue to partner with us in these events as we move forward.

We will begin planning the future of This is IT² next week, and will be utilizing lessons learned in this year's experience, as well as the previous 12 years of success, into account and develop an event that will be even more collaborative and engaging for our future participants.

On behalf of the This is IT² 2019 conference committee and the Technology Department staff at SWWC Service Cooperative; Thank you once again for helping make what we believe would have been yet another successful conference, had Old Man Winter not taken ahold of our weather!

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