

MAISA General Education Leadership Network

August 2015

Vision: General Education Leadership Network will be seen as a proactive, key decision-making group that develops collaboration and efficiencies on projects, issues, and policy regarding student learning.

Mission: General Education Leadership Network's mission is to provide leadership and direction focused on teaching and learning among Michigan's ISD/RESAs.

Getting Ready for the SAT

Task Force Efforts: In June, GELN convened an SAT Task Force that includes members of Michigan educational organizations, including MASSP, Math/Science Center Network, Michigan College Access Network, and others. The group has worked over the summer, under the direction of chair Kathy Miller, to collect and create resources to assist administrators, teachers, students and parents with preparing for the SAT. These resources will be posted as soon as they are made available on the MAISA GELN webpage: <http://www.gomaisa.org/general-education-leadership-network>.

ISD Train the Trainer Sessions: In an early effort to develop a system of SAT support, GELN hosted three Train the Trainer sessions. In August, over 80 ISD/RESA educators attended workshops to learn about the College Board training modules and plan for taking the training to their local districts. Modules are available on the link above.

2015 - 2016 Meetings

September 10, 2015	October 15, 2015
November 12, 2015	January 14, 2016
February 11, 2016	March 17, 2015
April 14, 2016	May 12, 2015
June 14-15, 2015	Traverse City, MI

[All meetings held in Ithaca except June]

SSRC (Systemic School Reform Committee) REPORT

Over the past year, a GELN SSRC Task Force undertook the responsibility to research and develop a white paper focused on competency-based education (CBE). The report examines similarities with mastery learning, personalized learning, and other learning models. The report examines districts that are implementing competency based learning at the national and state levels, and identifies public policy issues and potential costs associated with CBE. It is a great starting point to inform educators and spark conversation in Michigan.

GELN membership is open to ISD General Education Administrators. GELN functions under the leadership of the MAISA Instructional Services Committee. The GELN helps coordinate and focus the activities of MAISA ISDs/RESAs to meet the needs of members and their constituents with timely, high quality products/programs that address emerging issues without duplicating effort and resources. We consult on policy, local district needs, and shared common resources within a collaborative structure.

GELN partners with Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Assessment Consortium,, Math/Science Centers, REMC, and others.

FOCUS 2015 - TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE

GELN is taking an active role in key initiatives in Michigan:

- **Inquiry Learning** - Michigan ASCD and Learning Forward convened a design team to study and make recommendations on inquiry-based reform. Kathy Peasley will represent GELN in this work.
- **Early Literacy** - GELN will continue to engage in the conversation about early literacy development. Informing documents: [Michigan Governor's Taskforce Report](#); National Governor's Association [Report](#).
- **Collaboration Support** - We are sharing ideas for effective delivery of programs and services, and streamlining resource sharing across ISDs.

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