

MAISA General Education Leadership Network

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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.

GELN Task Force Efforts Gear Up with Broad Statewide Partnerships

Early Literacy Task Force - On December 16, over 20 educational leaders from K-12, ISDs, higher education, and educational organizations met in Lansing to launch the Early Literacy Task Force. Lead by Susan Townsend, Jackson ISD, and Naomi Norman, Washtenaw ISD, the group began the work of identifying priorities to support early literacy for all Michigan children. Key to this goal, the group concurred, is a strong system of support across all stakeholder sectors.

Future meetings are identified through April, with the January 8, 2016 agenda set to focus on establishing short-term and long-range priorities. Initial strategies will include support of ISD Literacy Consultant grants expected to be awarded by MDE in January 2016.

SAT Task Force - Under the leadership of Kathy Miller, Shiawassee RESD, the SAT Task Force met on December 17 to preview new SAT resources and continue action plans in support of SAT implementation. With collaboration of ISDs across the state, new SAT Live Portal training sessions are scheduled to begin in January 2016. The College Board Michigan team will present over 40 sessions at ISDs from the Upper Peninsula to Michigan's southern border, where local district personnel will learn how the newly launched scoring portal functions. Teams will also learn how to drill into rich data to inform at the student, classroom, building and district levels. If your ISD has not scheduled a session, you may do so through the Live Portal Training Schedule spreadsheet in the GELN Google document file.

Task Force members continue to develop, curate, and share SAT resources on the MAISA [GELN web portal](#). Please share these with local district educators. Development also continues on an enhanced GELN webpage and branding resources. Watch for updates.

Expanding Partnerships with Statewide Leaders

TRIG - At the November GELN meeting, Bill Miller, MAISA Executive Director, Dave Cairy, TRIG Program Director, and Lisa Lochman, TRIG leadership, provided an overview of the progress Michigan has experienced through TRIG. GELN is committed to active engagement with TRIG partners as we support our schools and educators toward Michigan's vision to be among the Top 10 education states in the nation.

ISD Tech Directors will join the GELN for our January 14 meeting in a collaborative session focused on the future of learning. This meeting was planned in May, and it is very timely as we expand how we work together in strategic ways to help lead Michigan forward.

Associate Memberships - Leaders from key educational organizations in Michigan attend GELN monthly network meetings to help forge stronger partnerships. Among these are Linda Forward, MDE; Kathy Dewsberry-White, Michigan Assessment Consortium; Sue Schwartz, REMC; and Wendy Zdeb, MASSP. Gary Goren, Michigan ASCD joined in November, and Dave Cairy, TRIG will begin attending in January.

Partner Links

MACUL [Website](#)
MASSP [Website](#)
Michigan ASCD [Website](#)
MI Assessment Consortium [MAC Reads](#)
MI Math/Science Center Network [Website](#)
TRIG [Website](#) with Current Updates
REMC Latest [Online Newsletter](#)

NEXT MEETING: January 14, 2016

Gratiot-Isabella RESD, Ithaca, MI

Network Meeting Specifics

GELN Meeting Representation Reflects Growth Trend: 70% of ISDs in Michigan were represented in September, 73% in October, and 76% in November 2015.

Don't Miss Upcoming Meeting Agenda Topics:

- **January** - Math/Science Center Network support for Michigan science standards; AdvancED eProve; ISD Tech Directors; SAT and Early Literacy Task Force progress [Register here](#)
- **February** - TRIG EduPaths overview; others TBD
- **June** - School Improvement Facilitators' Network; others TBD