MAC’s COMMITMENT

to our
Professional Learning Community

How we engage during COVID-19

Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s April 2, 2020 Executive Order (EO 2020-35) indicates that school buildings must remain closed through the 2020-21 academic year but directs local districts and public school academies to serve students, starting April 28, in accordance with their Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan (“Plan”).

We acknowledge that extended school building closures during COVID-19 will shine a light on the many structural holes and disparate resources schools face. However, our hope is that it also will illuminate opportunities to design a preferred future where we are all required to push beyond our “comfort zones” and embrace innovation daily. To that end, the MAC commits to the following norms:

MAC Norms during COVID-19

THE MICHIGAN ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM COMMITS TO:

- Provide resources, tools, and professional learning opportunities to support districts/PSAs in meeting their Plan Assurances to “Manage and monitor student learning and plan what’s next for learning including the potential need for summer and supplemental learning.”
  - Check Student Learning: Use a variety of strategies to monitor, assess, and provide feedback to students about their learning.
  - Make Instructional Adjustments: Use formative assessment results to guide educators’ reflection on effectiveness of instruction and to determine next steps for student learning.
  - Engage Families: Communicate with families about assessment results in order to inform next steps and the potential for supplemental summer learning. Provide translations as necessary.
- Maintain a generosity of spirit and deed, the courage to continue to tackle difficult issues, and a collaborative approach that supports solutions that result in a quality education for all Michigan students.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR DISTRICTS/PSAS:

- We offer most MAC resources free of charge to Michigan educators.
- We welcome ideas for content and events that would support district/PSA Plans.
- We welcome collaborators and partners in offering content and events.
- We plan Professional Learning events with maximum flexibility in mind and remain prepared to change modes and/or schedules as safety/distancing restrictions demand:
  - For-fee events will follow a “reserve now, pay later” model to allow for operational delays and potential schedule changes
  - Live events, to the extent practicable, will be converted to virtual events when necessary
  - Any delay, rescheduling, or reformatting of a PL event will honor the needs of participants to the extent practicable, and will be communicated in a timely, efficient manner.
  - We encourage educators who are not yet MAC members to register in the MAC Community portal at https://mac.memberclicks.net to ensure you get the most up-to-date communications and news about events and new resources. While you’re there, consider joining the MAC or supporting our work through a contribution.