

# The MAC

Michigan Assessment Consortium  
Update



*An Organization to Promote Balanced  
Assessment in Michigan*

# Michigan's Response

“Helping all student achieve the new HSCE will be a challenge for educators and student alike. In order to do this, schools need to change how students are taught and how they learn. Student assessment will play a key role in transforming how students learn... Classroom teachers assess students' learning on an on-going basis; the goal is to help them become more proficient in doing so.”

*Dr. Edward Roeber 2006*

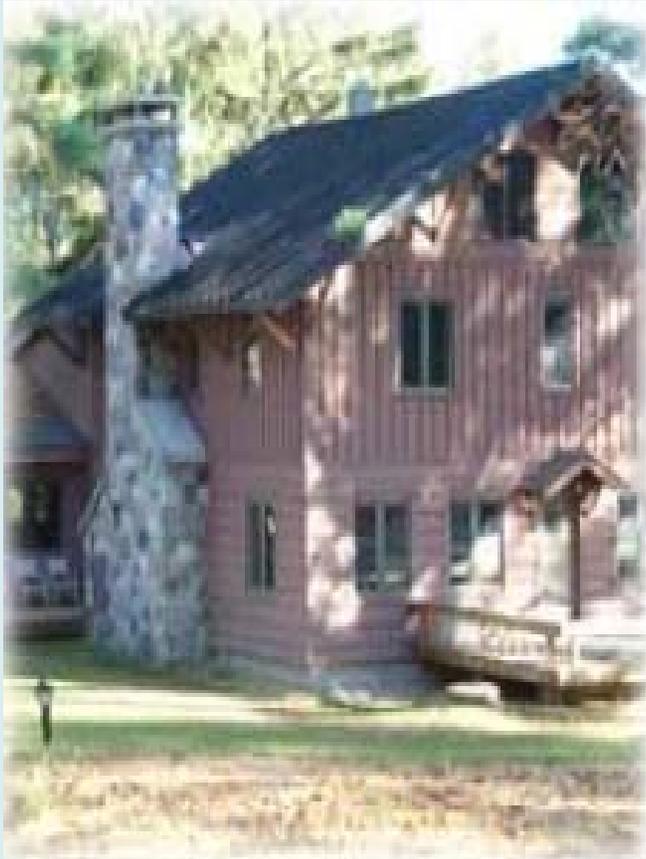
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# How Did We Get Here?...

- “Morphed” from OEAA Balanced Assessment Leadership Group
- Several ISDs/RESAs proposed working together to create products and services to meet common needs
  - Assessments
  - Professional development opportunities
- The group proposed to create the Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC) to meet these needs

# MAC Retreat



- September 5-7, 2008
- Barothy Lodge in Wahalla
- 11 volunteer participants
  - ISD/RESA
  - Professional Organization
  - MDE
  - MSU
- Nancy Fahner, Ingham ISD

# Work with Facilitator, Nancy Fahner



# Partnerships



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# Making the most of two days...





# Mission of the MAC

Improve student learning and achievement through a system of coherent curriculum, balanced assessment and effective instruction, by collaboratively...

- Promoting assessment knowledge & practice.
- Providing professional development.
- Producing and sharing assessment tools & products.



# Vision of the MAC

- Formative assessment and a balanced assessment system are valued in MI education.
- All MI educators understand and implement a system of coherent curriculum, balanced assessment and effective instruction.
- All teachers and administrators graduating from MI institutions of higher education are adequately prepared in formative assessment practices and balanced assessment systems.



# Vision of the MAC continued

- MI education entities (districts, ISDs, educational organizations, universities) actively seek to collaborate w/others on development of assessment products & services.
- Information on assessment products & services is readily available, in an organized manner, to MI educators.



# Purpose of the MAC

- Provides an association for organizations & individuals involved in assessment & related issues to work together.
- Promote recognition across the state of the importance of vital role of quality assessment.
- Promote use of high-quality, cost effective and appropriate assessment through development of joint projects & dissemination.



# Purpose of the MAC continued

- Provide opportunities for members to share & exchange ideas, techniques, materials, procedures
- To collaborate w/ the MI Department of Education OEAA (assessment) and OSI (school improvement & curriculum) on these purposes



# Structure of the MAC

- Independent, non-profit, unincorporated, entity
- Regional education agency serving as fiduciary
- Board operated
- Funded through grants, donations, in-kind



# MAC Activity to Date

- Collaborate with MDE to shape & promote Formative Assessment Project.
- Sponsoring statewide video conferences utilizing national presenters.
- Initiating assessment development projects (social studies, CTE, arts).
- Sponsoring common assessment development PD.
- Circulating an e-newsletter & developing a web site.



# Where the MAC is Going...

- Strengthen the structure for the organization to become a magnate for collaboration.
- Spread the reach of the PD & assessment development projects to include more of the state.
- Capture more of the state human capital
- Nurture & develop relationships with MDE, educational organizations, universities, and others.

# What is Available?

- Free videoconference: [www.mistreamnet.com](http://www.mistreamnet.com)
  - “Creating a Balanced Assessment System for Student Success” with Dr. Rick Stiggins: air date March 7, 2007
  - “7 Actions-Assessment for Learning, the Achievement Gap & Effective Schools” with Dr. Rick Stiggins: air date October 8, 2008
  - “The Connections Between Motivation, Learning Theory and Our Assessment Practice” with Dr. Carol Commodore: air date January 28, 2009
  - “Learning Progressions” with Margaret Heritage: air date April 23, 2009

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