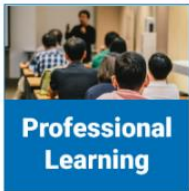Having trouble viewing this email? View it as a Web page.

How do I learn more about MICIP?

The MICIP website is your source for professional learning on MICIP. Currently there are several recorded webinars addressing a MICIP overview and the MICIP *Mindset* as well as various topics on the MICIP *Process*, including *Assessing Needs*, *Root Cause*, and *Budgeting*. Coming soon will be presentations on the *Whole Child*, *Setting the Stage,* and the *Planning Process*. All presentations are flexible and can be used with a variety of audiences and a variety of timeframes.

Preparing for MICIP using the Readiness Checklist

MICIP is being planned for a full launch in January, 2021. To prepare to use the MICIP process, you can use the MICIP Readiness Checklist. Consider starting with conversations around the following: *What is your current perspective on continuous improvement? Is your approach more about compliance or is it seen as an ongoing sequence of implement-monitor-adjust-evaluate?*

- You may also want to consider your team's capacity and ability to facilitate change, especially during these unprecedented times. *Does your team understand the components that need to be present to successfully implement change? How do you address these components in the continuous improvement plan? What additional knowledge and skills might be needed?*
- Additional questions to consider are: *What is the overall district climate and culture? Is it collegial and collaborative? Are there challenges that you might need to address?*

The answers to these questions may lead your district to identify professional learning that will position your team well for continuous improvement.

What is your organization doing to get ready for MICIP? Send your ideas to mde-micip@michigan.gov so we can share them in future issues of **MICIP Continuous Communication**.

In the next issue of Continuous Communication: Building a Successful Team!

Introducing MiLaunchPad!

District and ISD users will use the MiLaunchPad Single-Sign-On to access MICIP. Setting up MiLaunchPad typically takes less than an hour and uses the local district email system to provide access using existing accounts. Now is a great time to complete this step from the MICIP Readiness Checklist! Please ask your technology department to configure and test MiLaunchPad this week using the MiLaunchPad SSO District Configuration resources.

Selecting Strategies with the MiStrategyBank

As continuous improvement teams across the state begin to examine data to assess student needs, they will find the need to select strategies that best fit those needs. The MDE is committed to supporting districts in their efforts to find strategies that best fit student's needs by populating the MiStrategyBank (MSB) with rich, robust strategies for district review and comparison.

The MSB is an electronic clearinghouse of strategies designed to connect educational data systems, promote and support best practices, and provide information regarding the implementation of strategies in use to support Michigan's education system. This application is being used by MICIP to integrate the strategy selection process within the MICIP platform. It is the goal to help populate the strategy bank over the summer for access by districts in the fall. Department staff have been trained on the curation process, ESSA ratings, and MICIP in order to bring high-quality, research-based strategies to districts. As curation across the state continues, more information will be shared.

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