Michigan Department of Education (MDE)-APPROVED statement regarding use of MAEIA assessments for evaluating educator effectiveness

The Michigan Arts Education Instruction and Assessment Project (MAEIA) supports Michigan school districts, buildings, educators, and the public in implementing a high-quality arts education program in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts for all K-12 students.

MAEIA’s catalogue of 360 performance assessments are curriculum-embedded and aligned to Michigan Standards and National Core Arts Anchor Standards.

The MDE endorses the use of MAEIA performance assessment data as a local student growth measure for the purposes of determining teachers’ effectiveness. The department further recommends that districts:

- Base 100% of student growth ratings on local measures when evaluating teachers of non-core classes for which there is no standardized state assessment (including teachers of the arts)
- Choose only high-quality measures appropriate to the teachers’ discipline
- Use multiple measures for deriving student growth rates (e.g. one MAEIA performance task and one MAEIA performance event)

**NOTE:** For teachers in non-core subjects, it is not only permissible but encouraged that all multiple measures be derived from local growth measures – when the measure is of known high quality.