2016-17 Opportunities to Participate in MAEIA

The Michigan Arts Education Instruction and Assessment (MAEIA) assessments have been created, field-tested, and revised. Now they are available for voluntary use to all K-12 Michigan arts educators via our online catalog at maeia-artsednetwork.org. MAEIA is currently developing supporting resources for teachers, and we have two interesting opportunities for educator participation in these activities. A short description of each activity is described below.

To indicate interest in one or both of the activities, click the link below to complete a brief questionnaire. Please be sure to provide your contact information so we may send you more detailed information.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MAEIAopportunities

**Using MAEIA Assessments in Educator Effectiveness Plans**

Arts educators who will use a MAEIA assessment as part of their efforts to demonstrate their effectiveness in 2016-17 are desired for this activity. The MAEIA project has identified three methods of using MAEIA assessments in demonstrating educator effectiveness and created several examples of using the MAEIA assessments in Student Learning Objective (SLO) templates.

We are looking for pairs of educators, comprised of an arts teacher and his/her supervisor (e.g., building principal or department chair who will evaluate the teacher’s effectiveness) to meet with other teams in a facilitated group setting:

- explore the MAEIA resources already available (described above) and how these will be used
- share ideas and information on how educator effectiveness can be demonstrated using MAEIA assessments
- work to enhance the educator effectiveness methods for themselves and others in the future

Participation of pairs is important to the success of this activity, and therefore, necessary. There will be two face-to-face group meetings in Lansing (one in November and one in May), with supporting after-school webinars and other information sharing in between. Specific dates will be identified soon.

**MAEIA Assessment Scoring Exchange**

Volunteers are needed to try out a new scoring exchange method that is being developed. This scoring exchange will enable teachers to upload students’ responses to MAEIA assessments (written work, audio files, and/or video files) to a secure site, score their students’ work, and then collaboratively score one another’s work for comparative purposes.

- This work will be conducted in two phases, both of which we hope will occur in 2016-17. The first phase involves convening a group of teachers to try out and give feedback on the scoring exchange process.
- The second phase of work, to be conducted in the spring and summer 2017, will include the creation of the online scoring exchange and teacher “beta-testing”.

Participants will learn about the upload and scoring process during the school year, and then meet in Lansing for approximately 3-4 days during late June, 2017 (after the school year ends) to work on the scoring exchange process. A specific schedule will be established in advance.

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