

**MA Consortium for Innovative Education Assessment  
July 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Launching the Performance Assessment Work:** We reviewed the two focus areas of performance assessment work:

- Build capacity of school teams (30 per year) to lead their respective faculties in design, validation, and scoring of performance tasks, and creation of a local bank of tasks
- Create common, cross-district performance tasks in four grades in each of ELA, math, and science

We also reviewed a draft overview of MCIEA.

***Agreements:***

- We will vary the grades in which common tasks are created for each of math, science, and ELA so as not to burden one grade with all three. CCE will come to the August meeting with a proposed grade distribution.
- CCE will make agreed upon revisions to the MCIEA overview (make the two buckets of work clearer) and send out.
- CCE will create recruitment sheets for both the QPA institutes (creating local tasks) and common task committees for districts to recruit schools for the QPA institutes and teachers for the committees.
- Districts will be responsible for recruiting and identifying schools and individuals by mid-September, and relaying that information to CCE to create a database.
- We agreed to invite Paul Leather, Deputy Commissioner at the NH Department of Education, to speak to the group at its September meeting.
- We agreed all meetings during the school year would be from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

**Preparing for public announcement of MCIEA launch:** We discussed MCIEA’s public launch.

- We will hold a State House event on the launch of MCIEA on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 11:30 am to take place in Room 428. Emily Sienkiewicz from CCE and communications staff from Senator Pat Jehlen’s office will coordinate the event. As many governing board members as possible should plan to attend. It was agreed that we would emphasize ESSA priorities and new focus on assessment and accountability. We agreed we wanted student, parent, teacher union, and superintendent voices speaking, as well as possibly from NHDOE.
- CCE will conduct a doodle poll to agree on a logo.

**MCIEA Evaluation:** Andresse St. Rose from CCE presented the evaluation plan that is part of the New Venture Fund grant. CCE will be coordinating the evaluation activities and will keep districts informed.

***Agreements:***

- The governing board will have input into draft evaluation instruments prior to use.

**Building Support in the Field:**

- To date, the Boston Teachers Union, American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts, and Citizens for Public Schools have endorsed MCIEA
- MA Association of School Committees and MA Association of School Superintendents – Revere has submitted a resolution to MASC/MASS to endorse MCIEA; it will be taken up at their November conference. As well, we will be presenting a workshop at that conference.

We need updates on the following individuals/organizations at our August meeting:

- Secretary of Education Peyser – Mary, Dianne, Stacy
- MA Secondary School Administrators Association – Alain
- Urban Superintendents Network – Stacy
- MA Business Alliance for Education – Dianne Kelly
- MA Parent Teacher Alliance – Mary Skipper
- Assessment & Accountability Advisory Council to DESE – Mary & Paul S.
- MA Association of Vocational Administrators - Stacy
- MA Mayors Association – Paul T.

***Agreements***

- Steve will seek endorsements from MassCUE and MESPA

**What to do with additional districts that want to join MCIEA?:** Arlington, Cambridge, and Northampton have inquired about joining MCIEA.

***Agreements:***

- We will not take on any new districts this year. Mid-year we will discuss how we take on a new cohort of districts in June 2017.
- CCE will create a formal presentation about MCIEA that districts can use.

**Steering Committee:** It had been proposed that we have a Steering Committee along with the governing board to guide the work.

***Agreements***

- For now, we do not see the need for a Steering Committee. We will form committees, like the LMS Committee, as needed.
- Dan will talk with Rick Miller, the head of CORE, to see what they do.

**Budget Update:** Dan will send out agreements for district grants for teacher stipends, while looking for stipend funds for Boston and Bourne. Everyone should lobby the legislature for an override vote of Baker's veto of the consortium line item.