

Want to work toward endorsement in the superintendency?



Courageous Journey offers first line assistants and practicing superintendents opportunities to earn new Michigan Administrator Certificate Endorsements in the superintendency at two levels*.

Our **Tier 1** program is designed to help prepare and transition **first line assistants** and other experienced school leaders who are ready to move into the superintendency. In November, MASA will launch the Tier 1 phase of the Courageous Journey program. This is a two-year program built around the Seven Points of Learning for the role of K-12 Superintendent and is designed to allow participants to earn a specialty endorsement as a district leader at the superintendent level. Superintendents looking to “groom” the next generation of district leaders should consider recommending candidates for the first

cohort to begin in late fall. The Tier 1 program will work with the Michigan Leadership Institute Supes Academy and the new Michigan MI-LIFE program.

Tier 2 of the *Courageous Journey* program is designed for **practicing superintendents** at all levels of experience and in all size districts. Cohorts 1 and 2 are both well under way in their progress toward earning either a Specialty or Enhanced endorsement in the superintendency. Cohort 3 will begin in January at the MASA 2008 Winter Conference in Detroit. Openings for this program are still available for the January 2008 start, but they are filling fast.

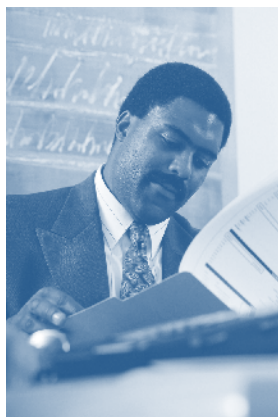
Application can be made online at www.courageousjourney.org. Accepted applicants will be invited to an orientation session during the Wednesday afternoon

break out session at the MASA Fall Conference in Traverse City.

If you are interested, please return the Application and Letter of Interest as directed on the web site to secure a place for yourself. Please send your application today, so we can get your confirmation back to you with your invitation to the orientation session.

**The MDE approval process for Michigan Administrator Certification Endorsement programs will begin after the fall 2007 Administrative Rule hearing process. For more information, questions, timelines, and approval process through MDE, contact Pat Reeves, preeves@gomasa.org or Jerry Jennings, jjennings@gomasa.org.*

Want to know more about Michigan's new administrator certification program?



At long last, the Administrator Certification work group has put the finishing touches on the proposed Administrative Rule for implementing

Michigan's unique new Administrator Certification law and program. After fall 2007 hearings and approval of the rules, MDE will begin the approval process for Specialty and Enhanced Endorsement Programs delivered through MASA,

MASSP, MEMSPA, and Michigan ASCD. With the passage of Michigan's landmark legislation, Michigan stands out as the first state to create a career-long credentialing program combining a certificate and endorsements earned through pre-service graduate degrees with in-practice, performance based endorsements earned through professional association programs.

After over a year of work to develop the rules and details for administering Michigan's new certification and endorsement program for school leaders, the work is done. Attendees at the fall events for MASA, MASSP, MEMSPA, and Michigan ASCD, will have an op-

portunity to attend break-out sessions that will detail the provisions of Michigan's new Administrator Certification law and the various options school leaders will have for building their careers, earning credentials, and shaping their professional practice. If you want to know more about the opportunities and choices for you, for your district, and for the leaders you are helping to develop, plan on attending the Wednesday afternoon break-out session at MASA's Fall Conference in Traverse City (Attendees at the *Courageous Journey* Orientation will also receive this information). Watch for more information in your Conference registration booklet and at www.gomasa.org.