

***The Courageous Journey™
Superintendent Endorsement Program
Notice of Interest and Application***

Courageous Journey™ offers a two-tiered program for practicing superintendents and aspiring district leaders. **Tier 1** prepares experienced school leaders at the building and central office levels for the superintendency and assists them in working toward a specialty endorsement* in the superintendency. **Tier 2** assists **practicing superintendents** in applying the best leadership, change, and improvement practices in the role of superintendent as they work toward a specialty or enhanced endorsement* in the superintendency.

Returning this interest form and application is the first step in reserving a slot for you in the next cohorts to start working toward a superintendent endorsement through either the Tier 1 or Tier 2 program. You can return the form via email to swhite@gomasa.org or fax it to MASA at (517) 327-0779, attention Sue White. Upon receipt of your completed form, you will receive additional information and confirmation. You will also receive notification of program dates, times, and locations.

Please download and complete the following today to reserve a spot in one of the next Courageous Journey Cohorts and begin the “Journey” that will make the critical difference in your effectiveness as a school leader while working toward your superintendent endorsement*.

*Note: Application is pending for MDE endorsement program approval

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Current Position: _____

Current District: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone (direct): _____

Cell Phone: _____

Business Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

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Education: Institution Degree Major/Emphasis Year**

**Include degree work in progress. It may be Possible to interface your Courageous Journey Work with an advanced degree program.

Resume/Vita: Please attach a current copy of your professional resume and/or vita

If applying for the Tier 1 Aspiring Superintendents Program, also please attach a letter of support from your current superintendent or your RESA/ISD superintendent.

Administrator Certification and Endorsements Earned – Check all that apply and complete open entries as fits your credentials:

State of Michigan K-12 Administrator Certificate** : _____

Michigan Basic Principal Endorsements: _____

Michigan Basic Central Office Endorsements: _____

Michigan Specialty Endorsements (list all earned to date):

Michigan Enhanced Endorsements (list all earned to date):

**The Michigan K-12 Administrator Certificate is a prerequisite for earning all other Basic, Specialty, and Enhanced Endorsements.

Other Completed training, development, and mentoring programs completed in School Administration (list such programs as Leadership Academies, MLI Supes Academies, MSBO Certificate programs, and other programs designed to prepare, mentor, coach, and support school administrators in specific roles – do not list broadly topical state and national conferences or professional development targeted for broader audiences than school administrators)

At the end of your “Journey” to learn, apply, and refine your leadership skills and practices in the role of superintendent, you will make application for one of the superintendent endorsements listed below. Please indicate which of the Courageous Journey Programs and Endorsements you are interested in pursuing.

_____Tier 1: For Experienced Building and Central Office Leaders wishing to prepare for and earn a specialty superintendent endorsement at the entry level based on Michigan State Board approved practice standards of superintendent leadership and the MDE approved requirements for this endorsement.*

_____Tier 2: For Practicing Superintendents who wish to earn a specialty superintendent endorsement at the practicing level. Note: This is a performance based endorsement based on Michigan State Board approved standards of superintendent leadership and the MDE approved requirements for this endorsement.*

_____Tier 2: For practicing and experienced superintendents who wish to earn an enhanced superintendent endorsement. Note: This is a performance and impact based endorsement based on Michigan State Board approved standards of superintendent leadership and the MDE approved requirements for this endorsement.*

*Note: MDE is currently reviewing the CJ endorsement program applications and approval is expected by the end of summer 2009.

MASA is proud to be the sponsoring professional association authorized by Michigan law to submit superintendent endorsement programs to the Michigan Department of Education for approval and inclusion in Michigan’s new two-tiered Administrator Certification and Endorsement program. For more information on Michigan provisions and options for Administrator Certification and Endorsement, follow this link: www.courageousjourney.org/michiganlawdetails