



Dear Friends,

We have a number of confirmed registrations for the second cohort for the *Courageous Journey* Tier 1 program and are writing this letter to announce that we still have openings for this two-year specialized development opportunity. We are scheduled to begin the program in December. Our confirmed schedule of sessions for the first year of Cohort 2 is as follows:

1. Session 1 - December 1 and 2: Introduction and Overview of the Program and the first two Points of Learning for Superintendent Endorsement
2. Session 2 - February 10-11: Three Points of Learning for Superintendent Endorsement
3. Session 3 - March 12: Two Points of Learning for Superintendent Endorsement
4. Session 4 - May 6: Applications and Planning for Extended learning
5. Session 5 - August 13: First Year Portfolio review and Second Year Extended Learning Plan

During year two of the program, we will hold sessions in October, December, February, March, and August. Cohort members, who anticipate a conflict with any of the above dates, will be asked to do what they can to clear their calendar and consult with Pat Reeves or Jerry Jennings on any irresolvable conflicts. We understand the demands on everyone's time and will do everything we can to work with our participants.

Some of you may be currently involved in the Michigan Leadership Institute Supts Academy; some of you have already completed the Academy previously. Others of you may be involved in or graduates of MASB's Superintendent's Bootcamp. For those who still need to complete one of these programs, we will assist in making application for the second year.

We are in the process of finalizing enrollment in the first cohort and encourage you to return the attached registration form as soon as possible if you want to be accepted into the first cohort. We will also need an updated resume and a letter of support from your superintendent before we can finalize your enrollment. Starting in October, we will send out the invoices for the first year experience and will ask participants to process with a purchase order or direct payment.

Again, we want to thank you for your interest in the *Courageous Journey* Superintendent Endorsement Program. The process of developing Department of Education Administrative Rule for the new Administrator Certification and Endorsement programs took a little longer than anticipated, but that process is now complete. This means that we now have clarity on what is required to receive MDE approval for our endorsement programs and can proceed with confidence that our program plan aligns with those requirements.

We are so excited to begin working with the second cohort and hope that you will be joining us for either in this group or subsequent cohorts. The superintendent's job is both a challenging and exciting opportunity to work with an entire school district and community on behalf of children. We are serving as school leaders in a time of unprecedented change, challenge, and accountability. Along with these, however, we also have unprecedented opportunity to shape the way public education will serve future generations. We salute you as school leaders who are already making a difference and who want to continue growing and stretching your ability to impact the lives of students.

Please respond to Susan White at: [swhite@gomasa.org](mailto:swhite@gomasa.org) with your response to items below so we can process your registration if you decide to apply for this second cohort.

1. I wish to complete my application for the first Cohort and have attached the registration form:\_\_\_\_\_
2. I am not ready to undertake the superintendent endorsement at this time , but please place me on a tentative list for the next cohort to begin in 2009:\_\_\_\_\_
3. I am not sure when I will be ready to pursue a superintendent's endorsement and would like a consultation by phone with either Pat Reeves or Jerry Jennings to discuss further: (please include direct contact phone number)\_\_\_\_\_

Please do not hesitate to call me at 269.720 .3285 or Jerry Jennings at 517.449.0518 if you have any questions.

Best wishes as you prepare for an exciting new school year,



Pat Reeves

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