

LEADERSHIP MATTERS - 2018

A Specialty Endorsement Program for School Leaders

Michigan Elementary & Middle School Principals Association

Introduction

Today's school leaders must be able to lead with intentionality, reflect on their work, exhibit courage and integrity, continuously acquire coaching skills to support and stretch learning, and build an accountable, collaborative school culture while using and supporting technology as a vehicle for leading learning.

MEMSPA is extremely proud to deliver this program for principals across the state of Michigan. Final assessments are performance and impact-based, meaning that the final assessments must have long-term impact on student achievement in the participant's district. This program is designed to strengthen and extend practicing principals' knowledge and skills to successfully lead schools.

Key Components of the "Leadership Matters" Specialty Endorsement Program

- Participants enter as a cohort from January 2018 thru October 2018.
- Six graduate semester credit hours may be earned through Madonna University.
- 90 SCECHs available.
- Integrated themes: Intentionality, Reflection, Courage and Integrity, Coaching and Collaborative Culture.
- Three learning strands: eight leadership coaching sessions via telephone, use of technology to extend learning and impact practice, and reflective writing.
- The ValEd leadership instrument is used as a self assessment and goal setting.
- All outcomes, learning experiences and performance assessments are aligned with the Michigan Standards for the Preparation of School Principals and the Michigan School Improvement Framework.
- Learning Facilitators: Debbie McFalone, PhD. and Derek Wheaton

Schedule

Sessions will be held at the MEMSPA office and other locations as noted.

Friday & Saturday	January 19 & 20, 2018	5:00 – 8:30 pm & 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Friday & Saturday	February 16 & 17, 2018	5:00 – 8:30 pm & 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Friday & Saturday	March 9 & 10, 2018	5:00 – 8:30 pm & 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Friday & Saturday	April 20 & 21, 2018	5:00 – 8:30 pm & 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Friday & Saturday	June 15 & 16, 2018	5:00 – 8:30 pm & 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Monday - Wednesday	July 31 – Aug 2, 2018 (Kalamazoo)	Summer Leadership Institute
Friday & Saturday	September 21 & 22, 2018	5:00 – 8:30 pm & 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Friday & Saturday	October 12 & 13, 2018	5:00 – 8:30 pm & 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Enrollment Process

The fee for this program is \$2,150 (MEMSPA Member Rate) plus purchase of assessment and learning materials (\$350). In many districts across the state, professional development funds are being increased as a part of the federal stimulus package. Administrators should pursue those funds as well as Title II PD funds. Some members of our first cohorts shared the cost of this registration with their districts, whereas some paid it themselves, and others used district funds. Registration is limited to twenty-four principals in MEMSPA's Leadership Matters: Specialty Endorsement Program.

Faculty Credentials in Leadership Matters Program

Debbie McFalone, Ph.D. has served over forty school districts and organizations in Michigan and Wisconsin for four years as an independent leadership consultant. 350 principals and superintendents have been involved in her Leverage Leadership series alone, which focuses on best practices for observation, feedback, and teacher evaluation. Debbie is a co-author of the MDE Michigan Administrative Specialty Endorsement “Leadership Matters” course for principals, and she founded and co-facilitates that year-long intensive program of learning for principals through MEMSPA. Debbie also facilitates the Michigan ASCD Institute for Instructional Leaders, working with educational leaders from all across the state. She has also presented nationally on the topic of “Building Your Capacity for Difficult Conversations”, and has served as an adjunct instructor for the MSU Masters program in the College of Education. Debbie’s mission as a consultant is to empower and equip the next generation of school leaders to lead skillfully in the changing world in which we live and work.

Debbie holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, where her dissertation was called “*Leadership Matters: Courage and Integrity in the Practice of Exemplary School Leaders*”. During her career as a building and central office administrator Debbie studied for four years with the Harvard Change Leadership Group, building a deep understanding of leadership during these times of exponential change. Her background and experience as a K-12 leader in rural, suburban and urban districts also informs her work in leading professional learning.

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Derek Wheaton, M. Ed. Ld. has been an educator for 34 years. His experience includes 14 years as a former teacher in both inner city and urban elementary schools, and 18 years as a practicing principal of a large K-2 center in southwest Michigan. Derek graduated from Michigan State University with a BS degree in Early Childhood and Teaching and received his Masters in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University. He was named MEMSPA's 2011 Outstanding Practicing Principal and honored by the NAESP as a National Distinguished Principal Class of 2012. Derek recently “retired” or dis-engaged from a full-time career as a building principal. He leads Derek Wheaton Consulting, LLC and provides professional learning for schools and district leaders, coaching and mentoring for new and beginning principals as his part-time legacy work. Derek is a Nationally Certified Principal Mentor & Coach via the NAESP Principal Mentor Certification Program.

The U.S. Department of Education has provided funding to Western Michigan University for the Achievement-Centered Learning (ACL) professional development and field study program. The ACL program engages practicing and aspiring principals from high-need districts in the learning and application of core leadership practices associated with the six dimensions of principal leadership that are empirically related to higher student achievement. Derek is serving 13 Southwest Michigan schools as a principal/aspiring principal mentor. He co-facilitates MEMSPA’s yearlong principal endorsement program, **Leadership Matters**. Derek’s passion is to develop the aspirations of leading learners! You can reach Derek at email: derekwheaton@gmail.com, web: www.derekwheaton.com, or 269.998.7829.



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