



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT UPDATES: OCT. 2014

Expanding the SI team:

Laura Colligan: colligan@inghamisd.org phone: 517.244.1258

Sean Williams: joining October 1st

Dot (Dorothy) Blackwell: joining October 6th

AdvancED ASSIST: website: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/partnership/mde/>

The online system ASSIST (Adaptive System of School Improvement Support Tools) is used to complete school and district improvement plans in order to meet the legislative requirements for school improvement planning. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is providing the following guidance on creating district and school level goals in ASSIST:

- Schools are encouraged to write 3-5 goals.
- Schools should write a goal in any content area for which they do not meet the individual school and district proficiency targets.
- Title I schools must address any content area that is identified in the comprehensive needs assessment.
- Academic goals are defined as those that address student achievement in content areas.
- Of the 3-5 goals, a minimum of 3 must be academic goals.

Goals are based on the individual school and district proficiency targets, not the statewide annual measurable objectives (AMOs) used in prior years. Schools may also create organizational goals. Organizational goals for schools are non-academic goals defined to address school system practices, processes, and procedures. They may focus on structures and initiatives that support the attainment of academic goals. Examples include, but are not limited to goals that involve the following: culture/climate, student behavior/character education, parent/community involvement, and partnerships.

School proficiency targets may be accessed online at:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Michigan_Proficiency_Targets_413516_7.xls

For more information about the proficiency targets, visit:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ProficiencyTargetsFAQ_413494_7.doc

Questions regarding this communication may be directed to Diane Fleming

Flemingd6@michigan.gov or Bill Witt at wittb1@michigan.gov.

Resource website: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/partnership/mde/>

Software Release Notes

Release Version: 6.0.0

Release Date: 08/23/14



Features and Enhancements

- **Comments for Assurances.** Implemented option to have a required/optional comment for any type of assurance response (Yes, No, N/A).
- **Optional Goal Question.** Implemented option to configure goal questions so that they can be bypassed if not applicable.
- **Strategy Tier Tooltip.** Added Strategy Tier field tooltip for strategies within goals.
- **Training System.** Full upgrade of Training System to support the use of training and demo institutions.

School Improvement Framework 2.0 which was introduced last March will be rolled out at the SIF Pre-conference on October 10, stay tuned for updates next month.

School Improvement Framework 2.0



Strand 1: Teaching for Learning

STANDARDS

1. Curriculum
2. Instruction
3. Assessment



Strand 2: Leadership for Learning

STANDARDS

4. Instructional Leadership
5. A Culture for Learning
6. Organizational Management



Strand 3: Professional Learning Culture

STANDARDS

7. Professional Learning Culture
8. Professional Learning System

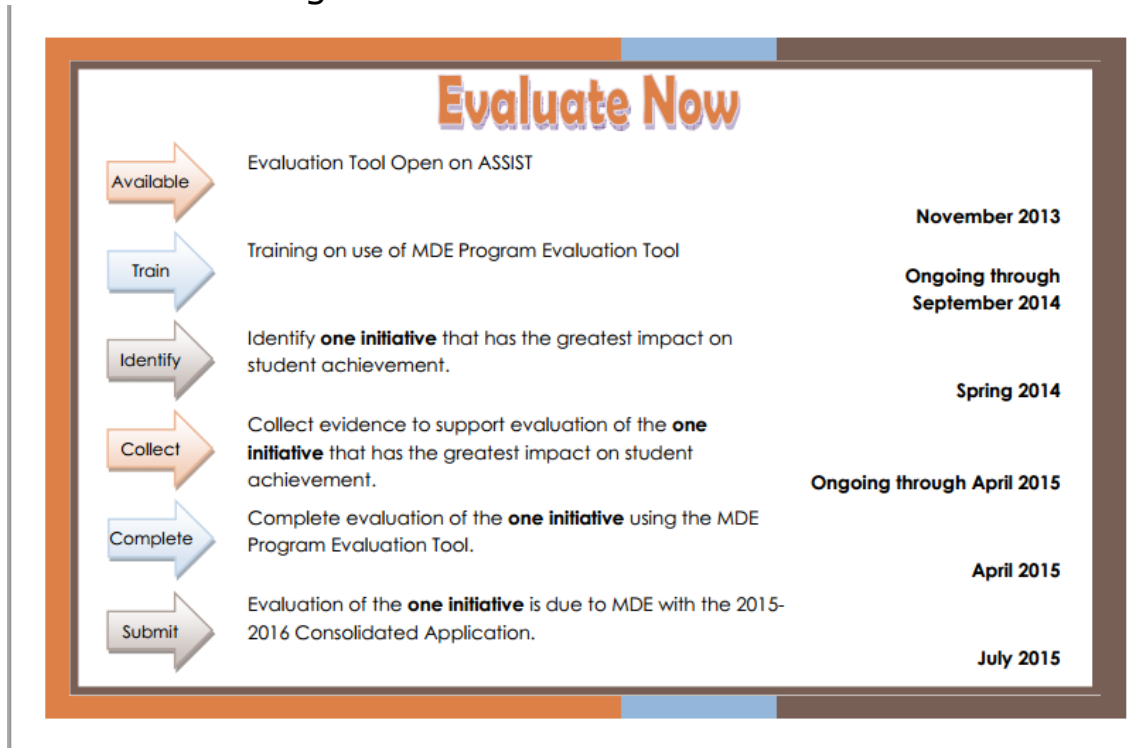


Strand 4: School, Family and Community Relations

STANDARDS

9. Communication
10. Engagement

Timeline for Program Evaluation Tool:



Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities:

MDE Fall School Improvement Conference

<http://www.gomiem.org/event/mde-fall-school-improvement-conference-0>

DATE: Monday, November 17, 2014 - 1:39pm to Tuesday, November 18, 2014 - 1:39pm

Location: Lansing Center Lansing **Theme:** Continuous Improvement: Sustaining Student Success

Pre-Conference November 17 • 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Regular conference November 18 • 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$75 Pre-Conference am or pm session (includes breakfast OR lunch), \$135 for both sessions (includes breakfast AND lunch) • \$150.00 Regular Conference (includes breakfast, lunch and snack)

AdvancedED Michigan Fall Conference 2014

<http://www.cvent.com/events/advanced-michigan-fall-conference-2014>

The AdvancedED Michigan Fall Conference 2014 will examine how learning platforms are transforming into personalized environments where learners both participate in and create their own learning experiences, highlighting a modern system of education focused on what's best to prepare students for tomorrow's world. Register now to connect with fellow educators, thought leaders, practitioners and policymakers from all over the state as we transform education systems for a new age of learning!

When: Thursday, November 6, - Friday, November 7, 2014 **Where:** Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River Novi, Michigan 48374 248.348.5600