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CourseNetworking Formed Partnership with Michigan Assessment Consortium to Revolutionize Michigan Teacher Leader Assessment Specialist Program

CourseNetworking is proud to announce another adoption of the CN ePortfolio system at Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC), marking a significant step forward in transforming teacher preparation and assessment.

In May 2023, MAC received approval from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to offer a Teacher Leader Assessment Specialist (TLAS) program. This program aims to enhance Michigan Teaching Certificates and prepare credentialed teacher leaders to serve as recognized classroom assessment specialists (CAS) in schools, districts, and the state.

As part of its program, MAC has licensed the CN ePortfolio to support teaching certificates in the state of Michigan. Driven by the goals of utilizing ePortfolios to demonstrate quality evidence and growth in learning, reflection, and showcase of work and learning, and showcase a competency-based program, the CN team is dedicated to supporting MAC throughout the implementation process.

The TLAS program emphasizes reflective and integrative learning, allowing learners to showcase evidence of their growth in knowledge, conceptual understanding, analytic processing, and dispositions related to Assessment Literacy competencies and Teacher Leader Standards. The TLAS Portfolio will become a comprehensive record of learners' educational journeys, culminating in a capstone course that compiles their work and reflective pieces. The process will begin with new learners building their initial ePortfolios in the 800 course, and then develop competency showcases through ePortfolio assignments in 801-807 courses. Eventually, all learners will create a final showcase or finalize the entire ePortfolio in the 808 course.

Carrie Albin, Course Development Consultant, is leading the Portfolio implementation at MAC. After receiving training and a suggested implementation plan, Carrie and the team have created a series of ePortfolio assignments and are ready to launch the ePortfolio program to learners in February. MAC expects to scale up the implementation in the next two years and eventually demonstrate exemplary portfolios and program success through the Institutional Gateway Page.

"The Institutional Gateway Page will provide a comprehensive overview of how candidates met the competencies, serving as a valuable resource for external stakeholders, such as the Michigan Department of Education," according to Carrie. CourseNetworking is honored to collaborate with MAC on this transformative journey. Together, we aim to redefine teacher preparation and assessment.