



# Developing Leaders Notes

Date: 2/8/17

Session Title: Creating Association Partnerships

Focus Area:

## MAASE Focus Areas:

We will align and organize the strategic priorities and work of MAASE to focus on the following elements:

High Quality Student Evaluations	Specially Designed Instruction	Skilled Staff	Program Evaluation
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Through the platforms of:

Association Partnerships	Legislative Action and Advocacy	Professional Learning	Membership Services
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EdCamp is an open format where group members share thoughts to help one another in implementation of "real life" practice. These notes reflect the thinking of someone in the group but do not represent an official position on behalf of MAASE. Anyone using this as a resource is encouraged to use their best judgement in interpreting the suggestions.

MAASE EdCamp Format:

1. Clarify the Problem of Practice to Solve
2. Collaborate around the Problem of Practice by offering suggestions and resources
3. Give feedback to the committee on how to improve next time

Notes:

Association Partnerships is a MAASE Board-level committee and one of the strategic goal areas

- take an internal look at MAASE and the work and identify who external to MAASE should hear that message
- MAASE Exec Board has approved a presentation template for this opportunity - may create "canned" presentations to share (eg: FAPE) that can be carried out by any MAASE member who could be present at another association partner meeting to present
- works to understand all MAASE work, how it ties together, and who outside the MAASE organization needs to be involved with it or know about it

Who can we, or do we need to, connect with?

- MAISA
- SEAC
- previous good example - the Rtl work with school psychologists across the state
- need building principals across the state to see/understand the data (discipline, restorative justice, seclusion & restraint)

How can we connect?

- connect with other MAASE CoP's around the MAASE 4 focus areas (eg: skilled staff connection with other group leaders in the other associations)
- identify how work flows in and out of Assoc Partners Committee
- Assoc Partners can assist the MAASE Legislative Action Committee in getting the word out and making connections
- "flexible" communication - if you want to change things, change the relationship - standardizing communication patterns - purposeful relationship-making
- built in assignments
- identify early wins - shared work? - build relationships
- need to better identify how we can help others understand the importance of a connection / joining forces

- intentionally support & engage

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What does the Assoc Partners Committee need from the MAASE members at large?

- be ready and willing to assist when asked
  - waiting for an opportunity to engage is counterintuitive to the purpose here
- currently 4-5 people in the committee who are doing all the work
- MAASE CoPs and Committees to intentionally be clear on their MAASE note/minutes form - Assoc Partners reads these minutes and will see when shared information is on them - are always looking for connections
- MAASE Position Papers on MAASE Wiki (hyperlinks on the right) - look at them - provide input to Exec Board members
- If we do our work and do it well, the relationships will come

5 minute around the room take-away

- be ready, pay attention to possible connections and opportunities
- listen for connections
- MAASE solid message - good understanding of what our work is before we share
- what do we have to bring to the table - don't want to be just another person sitting at a meeting
- may need some mentoring through the processes for those who are interested with limited experience
- be proactive when sharing our work
- do our jobs well and
- pay attention to what other groups are doing - look for possible connections
- do more with shared understanding with other orgs outside of MAASE
- identify the conduits within the MAASE org
- look at the big picture and be flexible
- eyes and ears of MAASE, make voice heard, don't get bogged down
- message management - how do we manage the messages we send/share - we are the representatives of MAASE

Feedback:

- What made this time worth your while?
- What specifically can we do to make this better?