

Dear School Leaders and Teams,

As you and your team work to identify your instructional focus and professional learning plan for next year, we wanted to share with you some information about the Massachusetts Consortium for Innovative Educational Assessment (MCIEA), a statewide coalition of school districts and unions working together to think differently about student assessment and measuring school quality.

School teams and school leaders interested in professional development and coaching in the design and implementation of high-quality, standards-aligned, curriculum-embedded performance tasks should consider whether participation in the MCIEA is right for you. Schools considering focusing on Essential 4 might be especially interested, but this opportunity can be leveraged to support many aspects of a holistic approach to the Essentials. If enough schools interested in participating, we may be able to form networks at both the elementary and secondary levels around this effort for next year.

If you are interested in participating or learning more, please contact [Paul Tritter](#) for next steps.

Key Considerations:

- Requires participation in a two-day summer institute and two additional state-wide professional development days
- Coaching from CCE is provided
- Teacher Leadership Development and opportunities
- Opportunity to norm performance tasks with teachers from other districts to ensure rigor
- Access to funds (up to \$5,000 per school)
- Our participation is a collaborative effort by the BTU and BPS. Please engage your building reps and staff in making this decision for your school.

More Information

- [MCIEA Overview and Commitments](#)
- [Readiness Assessment Tool](#)
- [MCIEA Website](#)

BPS Schools Currently Participating in MCIEA Professional Development (feel free to reach out to these schools to get a sense of their experience)

Cohort 1: 2016-17 to Present

Curley K-8
BINCA
Orchard Gardens

Cohort 2: 2017-18

Gardner Pilot
Henry Grew
Rafael Hernandez
Quincy Upper
McCormack

Mendell
Snowden

Cohort 3

Lila G Frederick
Mary Lyon High School