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## **MI Excel Update: October 19, 2015**

Multiple communications have been sent to you from our office today. Here is a brief summary of what was shared. Please make sure to read each individual topic listed below:

1. **Professional Learning** changes are on the horizon. You should have received a separate email from the MI Excel Project Office outlining our redesign of professional learning to better meet your needs.
2. The online course for the **Surveys of Enacted Curriculum** is now available on MVU/Learnport. The corresponding PowerPoint presentations are also available for use in training.
3. An announcement of **Blueprint Facilitator Certification**. We have provided details about our exciting plan to provide Blueprint Facilitator Certification to those interested in pursuing this path.

Please make sure to read these important announcements and contact us with any questions.

### **SST Meetings for Title I Priority Schools**

It is time to begin scheduling visits to School Support Team (SST) Meetings in Title I Priority Schools. The MI Excel Team will once again be making a visit to a Priority School near you!

Part of our role is to provide on-site support for SSTs and to monitor the effectiveness of SSTs within MI Excel schools. We currently have 22 ISD/ESAs that have MI Excel Priority schools receiving support from School Support Teams. As a result, we plan to attend a regularly scheduled SST meeting in at least one school from each MI Excel ISD/ESA.

We are asking that ISDs/ESAs identify potential Priority Schools and dates of scheduled SST meetings that can be included in our statewide tour. We would like these visits to begin as early as November and run through June 2016. The sooner you provide us with potential dates the more likely we can put together a schedule for the visits that meets all of our needs. Email Beth ([brophye@calhounisd.org](mailto:brophye@calhounisd.org)).

## **MI Excel Collaborative Partner Meetings – Reminder**

The MI Excel Focus and Priority Collaboration Meetings are scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lansing at LCC West. Please note the change in location for the meetings. Lodging, if you requested a room, will be at the Lansing Crowne Plaza. During these meetings we will discuss both the redesigned format for professional learning and the plan for Regional Meetings. If you have not registered, please visit the Resource Center to do so. ([www.tinyurl.com/MIExcel-ResourceCenter](http://www.tinyurl.com/MIExcel-ResourceCenter)). You should have received an email confirmation upon registration. If you have questions about this meeting or lodging please contact Anne Bohl at [bohla@calhounisd.org](mailto:bohla@calhounisd.org)

## **Work Logs 2015-2016 Grant Cycle**

Remember that beginning October 1, 2015 you should have started using the new monthly Work Log that is available in Dropbox. If you have not received an invitation to the Dropbox for the Work Log, it is because we have not received your completed Contact Registration form in our office. We use the Contact Registration Form to identify the people who need to be on our official mailing list and who need to receive an invitation to the Dropbox for the monthly Work Logs. Contact registration should be emailed to Grant Chandler ([chandlerg@michigan.gov](mailto:chandlerg@michigan.gov)).