

Spring 2025 Conference Agenda

Grand Traverse Resort
May 5, 6 & 7, 2025



*The Journey of Growth:
Shaped by Experience, Guided by Wisdom, Strengthened by Resilience*

To lead with integrity and professionalism, fostering sustainable practices and consistent excellence in pupil accounting and educational accountability. Together, we empower Michigan educational institutions to make impactful decisions that influence student success and create a vision for their future.

Mission Statement

To be a trusted presence and a driving force in the education sector, setting the standard for innovation, accountability and influence. Thereby, ensuring every child's success is supported through accurate, meaningful and actionable information.

Our Vision

We strive to foster sustainable systems that support students, schools and professional communities, by maintaining the highest standards of integrity and teamwork.

Purpose Statement

A Note from the MPAAA Director

Welcome to the 2025 MPAAA Spring Conference!

We are excited to bring you another outstanding agenda this year! As MPAAA celebrates 90 years of service since our founding in 1935, we invite you to join us for a special birthday celebration on Tuesday evening. In addition to Euchre and Cornhole, we'll have a DJ, a photo booth, music, delicious food, and, of course, cake! We hope you'll join us for this memorable evening.



Back by popular demand, our 45-minute 'Quick Hit' sessions allow you to attend two sessions within a standard 90-minute block. Each session will run twice per block, giving you the flexibility to choose the topics most relevant to you.

We've also adjusted our certification courses, splitting them into morning and afternoon sessions. While you'll need to complete both halves for credit, this change allows you to participate in at least one Quick Hit session during the day.

Throughout the conference, you'll have plenty of opportunities to connect with colleagues during sessions and meals.

We hope you find the conference informative, productive, and fun! If there's anything I or the MPAAA Board can do to enhance your experience, please don't hesitate to reach out. Welcome, and enjoy the conference!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert R. Dohm".

Thank You to our National Vendors!



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Linda Dehooghe, Lakeview Public Schools	Lisa Senk, Bay-Arenac Community Schools
Rob Dickinson, MPAAA	Tasha Speck, Owosso Public Schools
Sandra Dukhie, Wayne RESA	LeAnn Szymanski, Ottawa Area ISD
Kelly Dumas, Warren Consolidated Schools	Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD
Roberta Farina, Macomb ISD	Dawn Valdez, Lakeshore Public Schools

Session Descriptions

Auditing the GAD (1.25 hours): This auditor-focused session is intended to offer insights into the ins and outs of GAD auditing. The fall GAD audit will be covered, as well as working with locals to ensure proper documentation and procedures. *Presenters – Dawn Fults, Genesee ISD & Ingrid Seruga, Ingham ISD*

Auditor's Discussion Group Join representatives from the MDE Office of Audits in small group discussion on a variety of current auditing topics. Choose the topic that you wish to discuss, and report out to the larger group at the end of the meeting. *Presenters – Jose Quintero, MDE & Gloria Suggitt, MDE, Jacob Sullivan, Clare-Gladwin RESD*

Calculating FTE 1754/1755/1862 (1.5 hours): Join staff from MiLEAP in this session to learn the requirements and limitations to calculate FTE for Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) students. *Presenters – Mark Kuipers, MiLEAP & Colleen O'Connor, MiLEAP*

CEPI Update (1 hour): This general session will cover what is new at CEPI and what you need to know about current and upcoming collections. *Presenter – Joel Thiele, CEPI & Nate Beelen, MDE*

Common and Not So Common Audit Findings (45 min): Discuss QCR findings, results of OAG pupil audits, and upcoming OAG planned audits that include pupil-related programs and procedures. *Presenters - Jose Quintero and Gloria Suggitt, MDE*

Data Cleanup: How To... (45 minutes): Upload and XML errors, Business rule warnings and data quality alerts will be discussed along with issues and concerns frequently brought to the CEPI helpdesk. *Presenters – Jennifer Carlson, Muskegon ISD & Kris Knitter, CEPI*

Data Quality I (3 hours): A culture of data quality is the belief that good data is an integral part of teaching, learning, and operating your school. Data Quality I provides the initial foundational building blocks related to creating a culture of data quality. Identify the components of data quality, factors affecting data quality, collaboration opportunities, security and confidentiality, and the elements of a data audit. (M&B Certification track PAA/PAS/SED). *Presenter – Rob Dickinson, MPAAA*

Data Quality II (3 hours): The second in the Data Quality series focuses on data entry — getting things right at the source. The quality of data will improve when all staff understand how the data will be used and how data becomes information. Get information about coordinating data quality at the district level, identifying data flow and cycles, common data entry issues, the importance of communication, and the roles of various district staff in this process. (M&B Certification track PAS/SED). *Presenter – Rob Dickinson, MPAAA*

Days/Clock Hours/Waivers (45 minutes): What counts? How do you handle passing time? How do you calculate hours? An overview of current requirements as they relate to the school district calendars is also included, as well as providing districts with the various waiver options currently available. *Presenters – Jessica Beagle, MDE & Brian Ciloski, MDE*

Foundations of Educational Data Management: Outcomes & Data Quality (3 hours): Gain a comprehensive understanding of MiDataHub and its essential tools for effective data management. This session covers website navigation, authorizations, integrations, and MSDS reporting. Explore pre-built and custom

Session Descriptions (cont'd)

reports to ensure data accuracy and compliance. Learn how to leverage data quality alerts, Collection Comparison, Error Checks, and Data Readiness tools to enhance reporting and student outcomes. (AB Elective credit for all certification tracks) *Presenters – Laura Caballero & Tony Howard, MiDataHub*

Green Auditing (45 minutes): Auditing with less paperwork...Believe it or not! Take a look at what the MPAAA Green Auditing System could offer your schools in cost savings and more efficient auditing. *Presenter – Jody Lukins, MPAAA*

How to Prepare for a QCR (45 minutes): Geared towards Pupil Accounting Auditors, this is an examination of the steps and best practices for preparing for your Quality Control Review. Districts are not the only ones who get audited! This session will help auditors prepare for QCR reviews from MDE. Tips on organizing your documentation and consistent paperwork identification techniques will be covered. *Presenters – Jose Quintero, MDE & Gloria Suggitt, MDE*

HS Transcripts & Parchment Services (45 minutes): This session will discuss the advantages to both students and building staff in having student transcripts flow through the Parchment system as part of the contract the State of Michigan maintains with Parchment Services. *Presenters – Ben Silva & Paul McMorrow, Parchment*

Identifying 31a (45 minutes): This session will discuss the Economically Disadvantaged report and the Program Participation components for At-risk students. The ways that accurate reporting can impact student supports and services through appropriate District funding allocation will also be covered. *Presenter – Suzanne Grambush, MDE*

Intersection of Foster Care & Pupil Accounting (45 minutes): Join experts on Foster Care from MDE and MDHHS to discuss how and where Foster Data originates, Foster Youth identification challenges, and new legislation that requires an annual report. *Presenters – Kathleen Hoehne, MDE & Ann Rossi, MDHHS*

Introduction to Pupil Auditing (3 hours): *NOTE: THIS SESSION IS REQUIRED FOR THE PUPIL ACCOUNTING CERTIFICATION TRACK. MANY OF YOU STILL NEED THIS COURSE!* This introduction to pupil accounting auditing focuses on learning the basics of preparing for an audit, acronyms, quality control reviews and tips related to the audit narrative. (AB Certification track PAA/PAS). *Presenters – Shannon Rea, COOR ISD & Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD*

Introduction to MiDataHub's MSDS Tools (45 minutes): Curious about how MiDataHub can support your student data reporting? This session provides a high-level overview of MiDataHub's MSDS features, developed in collaboration with CEPI. Learn how tools like data quality alerts, the error checker, and MSDS reports can improve data accuracy and streamline reporting. Ideal for those new to MiDataHub or considering its benefits for their district. *Presenters – Laura Caballero & Tony Howard, MiDataHub*

Legislative Update (1 hour): This session will provide an update on legislation that passed and/or is pending this year that affects pupil accounting, auditing, and data submissions. *Presenter – Bob Kefgen, MASSP*

Macomb MSDS (1.5 hours): This session will walk you through processing your data to get it ready to go to the state, relying heavily on the abilities of the Macomb MISDmsds tool. *Presenter – Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD*

Session Descriptions

MiDataHub MSDS Features: Hands-on Workshop for Current Users (1.25 hours): This interactive session is designed for districts already using MiDataHub's MSDS features. Work directly with tools like data quality alerts, the error checker, and MSDS reports to troubleshoot issues and refine your reporting process. Bring your own laptop or device, as computers will not be provided. Before attending, log in to MiDataHub to confirm that you have the MSDS option in your main menu. *Presenters – Laura Caballero & Tony Howard, MiDataHub*

Pupil Accounting Legal Issues (2 hours): Jennifer Starlin, Thrun Law Firm, will share the legal perspective on current educational issues. You will be exposed to an introduction to the legal issues facing Pupil Accounting, Pupil Auditing, and State Reporting staff related to educational issues, enrollment issues, FERPA, student records, teacher certification, etc., as well as data quality and data collections. (ASB Certification track PAA/PAS). *Presenter – Jennifer Starlin, Thrun Law Firm*

Pupil Accounting Legislative Primer (3 hours): Understanding the processes and procedures of pupil accounting requires a basic understanding of school funding, including knowledge of the State School Aid Act, the School Code, and Administrative Rules and how these elements intertwine and provide the cornerstone that drives the content of the Pupil Accounting Manual and the Pupil Auditing manual. (ASB Certification track PAA/PAS/SED). *Presenters – Leah Cameron, Ingham ISD & Emily Taylor, Ottawa ISD*

Pupil Accounting Specialists: Yearly Timeline/Planning (45 minutes): This session for Pupil Accounting Specialists provides important information needed for planning your year of pupil accounting duties. Learn about regulated due dates and the pre-work needed to meet those deadlines. *Presenters – Coleen Billings, Ann Arbor Schools, Efreida Day, Muskegon Area ISD, & Linda DeHooghe, Utica Community Schools*

REP/TSDL Overview (1.5 hours): Join CEPI staff to explore these applications and understand how data from one collection impacts reporting accuracy in the other, as well as within your district. *Presenters – Robert Hovenkamp, CEPI & Becky Korroch, CEPI*

Special Education Q & A Panel (1.25 hours): Bring your questions and concerns to the panel session! Staff will review and address them during the session or, if needed, refer them to MDE-OSE staff for a response during the State Agency Panel Session on Wednesday morning. *Presenters – Mark Kuipers, MiLEAP, Sean McLaughlin, MDE-OSE, Colleen O'Connor, MiLEAP, Nancy Rotarius, MDE-OSE, & Ann Walton, MDE-OSE*

Special Education Permits (45 minutes): Gather knowledge in this session that will review SE Permits and the ins-and-outs of correctly requesting them. *Presenter – Dana Billings, MDE-OSE*

Special Education Pupil Accounting Update (1 hour): MDE-OSE staff will discuss recent developments in Special Education and provide insight into future requirements. *Presenters – Sean McLaughlin, Nancy Rotarius, & Ann Walton, MDE-OSE (Michigan Department of Education-Office of Special Education)*

State Agency Panel (Intro to State Agency Resources) (1.25 hours): Receive an introduction to state agency personnel from CEPI and MDE (including Office of the Audits, Office of State Aid and School Finance, etc.), who create and/or implement the business rules, administrative rules and other processes affecting district, ISD staff or contracted auditors. (ASB Certification track PAA/PAS—1 hour towards Certification)

Session Descriptions (cont'd)

State Aid Update (1 hour): Hear about the latest updates and any new regulations and rules that may affect your district. *Presenters – Jessica Beagle, MDE & Brian Ciloski, MDE*

Teacher Certification: Everything You Need to Know About Permits and Compliance (1.5 hours): This session is for locals and auditors on what you need to know about the permit process and requirements. *Presenters – Ed Dickenson & Katie Schmiedeknecht, MDE*

Teacher Certification: What Districts need to Know (45 minutes): This session will serve as a reminder of the requirements of appropriately placing educators, determining needs for permits and flexibilities to meet appropriate placement, and how to accurately report data to the state to reduce errors and audit deductions. *Presenters – Ed Dickenson & Katie Schmiedeknecht, MDE*

Testing & Accountability (1.25 hours): The session contains information on how student data from MSDS is used by the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA), what and when it is pulled and how it is used in assessment and accountability reporting. *Presenter – Tina Foote, MDE*

State Continuing Education Clock Hours

If your district **requires** you to have a certain number of State Continuing Education Clock Hours submitted to MDE (typically for administrators, counselors, teachers), please check that box at the top of the card. If you do not need the clock hours to report to MDE, check the MSBO certification only box on the cards. This will allow your credits to be applied correctly. To receive SCECH credit, attendees must be registered, have paid in full, and be 100% in attendance (which is a requirement of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) for SCECH programs). There are no make-ups available.

Please make sure to grab the blue SCECH card at registration and return the completed form before you leave on Wednesday. Collection boxes will be available at the registration desk.

Conference Evaluations

The evaluations are an important tool used to make future conferences even better. You will receive your evaluation via email shortly following the conference. We appreciate your time in completing these online evaluations!

Check it Out!

Monday, May 5th is our annual Vendor Exhibits during lunch. Besides our national vendors we do have some fun vendors! Enjoy some shopping with Pampered Chef, Bling on a Budget, Apple Snails & More, and Mary Kay. We have an extended lunch that day and we have also arranged for a plated lunch so there will be no waiting to get your meal.

SUNDAY	Registration Open 4:00 - 6:00 PM — Tower Lobby (Lower Level)			
MONDAY	Registration Open 7:00 - 9:00 AM — Tower Lobby (Lower Level)			
BREAKFAST 7:00 - 8:30 AM — Governor's AB				
8:30 - 10:30 AM	Morning General Sessions/Certification Class—Michigan Room			
Time	Session	Presenter	Facilitator	Room
8:30—8:45 AM	Welcome / General Membership Meeting	Roberta Farina, Macomb ISD & Rob Dickinson, MPAAA	Carrie Haubenstricker	Michigan
8:45—10:45 AM	Pupil Accounting Legal Issues	Jennifer Starlin - Thrun Law	Tracy Thornburg	Michigan
BREAK 10:30 - 10:45 AM — Governor's Prefunction				
10:45 - 12:00 PM	Morning Breakout/Morning Certification Class			
	Teacher Certification: Everything You Need to Know About Permits and Compliance	Katie Schmiedeknecht & Ed Dickenson, MDE	Sherri Cooper	Gov EF
	MiDataHub MSDS Features: Hands-on Workshop for Current Users	Laura Caballero & Tony Howard, MiDataHub	Janell Craig	Mackinaw
	Auditor's Discussion Group	Gloria Suggitt, Jose Quintero, MDE & Jake Sullivan, Clare-Gladwin RESA	Dawn Fults	Tower A
	Special Education Q & A Panel	Mark Kuipers & Colleen O'Connor, MiLEAP, Sean McLaughlin, Nancy Rotarius & Ann Walton, MDE-OSE	Kelly Dumas	Peninsula
	Testing & Accountability	Tina Foote, MDE-OEAA	Dawn Valdez	Tower B
Cert Course (PAA, PAS, SED)	Pupil Accounting Legislative Primer	Leah Cameron, Ingham ISD & Emily Taylor, Ottawa ISD	Robert Evans	Gov CD
Cert Course (PAA, PAS, SED)	Data Quality I	Rob Dickinson, MPAAA	N/A	Michigan
LUNCH 12:00 - 1:30 PM — Governor's AB				
VENDOR EXPO 12:00 - 1:30 PM — Governor's & Tower Prefunction				
1:30 - 2:15 PM	Afternoon Quick Hits			
	Teacher Certification: What Districts Need to Know	Katie Schmiedeknecht & Ed Dickenson, MDE	Kait Guerra	Michigan AB
	Data Cleanup: How To...	Kris Knitter, CEPI & Jennifer Carlson, Muskegon ISD	Dawn Valdez	Gov CD
	How to Prepare for a QCR	Gloria Suggitt & Jose Quintero, MDE	Julie Ziesemer	Tower A
	Introduction to MiDataHub's MSDS Tools	Laura Caballero & Tony Howard, MiDataHub	LeAnn Szymanski	Mackinaw
	Special Education Permits	Dana Billings, MDE	Josie Pike	Tower B
	Days/Clock Hours/Waivers	Brian Ciloski & Jessica Beagle, MDE	Sherri Cooper	Gov EF
BREAK 2:15 - 2:30 PM—Governor's Prefunction				
2:30 - 4:00 PM	Afternoon Cert Classes			
Cert Course (PAA, PAS, SED)	Pupil Accounting Legislative Primer	Emily Taylor, Ottawa ISD & Leah Cameron, Ingham ISD	Robert Evans	Michigan CH
Cert Course (PAA, PAS, SED)	Data Quality I	Rob Dickinson, MPAAA	N/A	Peninsula

MONDAY	(Continued)			
2:30 - 3:15 PM	Quick Hits—Repeated			
	Teacher Certification: What Districts Need to Know	Katie Schmiedeknecht & Ed Dickenson, MDE	Coleen Billings	Michigan AB
	Data Cleanup: How To...	Kris Knitter, CEPI & Jennifer Carlson, Muskegon ISD	Kathi Thornton	Gov CD
	How to Prepare for a QCR	Gloria Suggitt & Jose Quintero, MDE	Julie Ziesemer	Tower A
	Introduction to MiDataHub's MSDS Tools	Laura Caballero & Tony Howard, MiDataHub	Sandra Dukhie	Mackinaw
	Special Education Permits	Dana Billings, MDE	Josie Pike	Tower B
	Days/Clock Hours/Waivers	Brian Ciloski & Jessica Beagle, MDE	Lisa Senk	Gov EF
TUESDAY	Registration Open 7:00 - 8:30 AM — Tower Lobby (Lower Level)			
BREAKFAST/COMMITTEE MEETINGS 7:00 - 8:30 AM - Governors AB (LEA/Data Committee 7:30)				
8:30 - 10:30 AM	Morning General Sessions—Michigan Room			
8:30—9:30 AM	State Aid Update	Brian Ciloski & Jessica Beagle, MDE	Kelly Dumas	Michigan
9:30—10:30 AM	Legislative Update	Bob Kefgen, MASSP	Tasha Speck	Michigan
BREAK 10:30 - 10:45 AM — Governor's Prefunction				
10:45 - 12:15 PM	Morning Breakout/Certification Classes			
	Auditing the GAD	Ingrid Seruga, Ingham ISD & Dawn Fults, Genesee ISD	Tierre Cook-Howell	Tower A
	Calculating FTE 1754/1755/1862	Mark Kuipers & Colleen O'Connor, MiLEAP	Linda DeHooghe	Michigan
	REP/TSDL Overview	Becky Korroch & Robert Hovenkamp, CEPI	Christian Anderson	Gov CD
	Macomb MSDS	Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD	Christina Hay	Tower B
Cert Course (PAA, PAS)	Introduction to Pupil Auditing	Shannon Rea, COOR ISD & Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD	Holly Strong	Peninsula
Elective Cert Course (PAA, PAS, SED)	Foundations of Educational Data Mgmt: Outcomes & Data Quality	Laura Caballero & Tony Howard, MiDataHub	Janell Craig	Gov EF
Cert Course (PAA, PAS)	Data Quality II	Rob Dickinson, MPAAA	N/A	Mackinaw
LUNCH & AWARDS 12:15 - 1:15 PM — Governors AB				
1:15 - 2:00 PM	Afternoon Quick Hits			
	Green Auditing	Jody Lukins, MPAAA	Shannon Rea	Tower A
	Pupil Accounting Specialists - Yearly Timeline/Planning	Coleen Billings, Ann Arbor Schools, Efreida Day, Muskegon Area ISD & Linda DeHooghe, Utica Community Schools	Kelly Dumas	Gov CD
	Common and Not So Common Audit Findings	Gloria Suggitt & Jose Quintero, MDE	Nicole Snyder	Michigan AB
	HS Transcripts & Parchment Services	Benjamin Silva & Paul McMorrow, Parchment	Colleen Land	Mackinaw
	Intersection of Foster Care & Pupil Accounting	Kathleen Hoehne & Ann Rossi, MDHHS	Jenny Wilson	Peninsula
	Identifying 31a	Suzanne Grambush, MDE	Kathi Thornton	Gov EF
BREAK 2:00 - 2:15 PM — Governor's Prefunction				

TUESDAY	(Continued)			
2:15 - 3:00 PM	Quick Hits Round 2			
	Green Auditing	Jody Lukins, MPAAA	Matty McCormick	Tower A
	Pupil Accounting Specialists - Yearly Timeline/Planning	Coleen Billings, Ann Arbor Schools, Efreida Day, Muskegon Area ISD & Linda DeHooghe, Utica Community Schools	Kelly Dumas	Gov CD
	Common and Not So Common Audit Findings	Gloria Suggitt & Jose Quintero, MDE	Randi Bassett	Michigan AB
	HS Transcripts & Parchment Services	Benjamin Silva & Paul McMorrow, Parchment		Mackinaw
	Intersection of Foster Care and Pupil Accounting	Kathleen Hoehne & Ann Rossi, MDHHS	Christina Hay	Peninsula
	Identifying 31a	Suzanne Grambush, MDE	Kim Ozella	Gov EF
2:15 - 3:45 PM	Afternoon Certification Courses (Cont'd from AM)			
Cert Course (PAA, PAS)	Introduction to Pupil Auditing	Shannon Rea, COOR ISD & Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD	Holly Strong	Michigan EH
Elective Cert Course (PAA, PAS, SED)	Foundations of Educational Data Mgmt: Outcomes & Data Quality	Laura Caballero & Tony Howard, MiDataHub	Janell Craig	Michigan CD
Cert Course (PAS, SED)	Data Quality II	Rob Dickinson, MPAAA	N/A	Tower B

Corn Hole/Euchre Tournament/Game Night & 90th Celebration ~ 7:00-10:00 PM ~ Tower Rooms (Lower Level)

WEDNESDAY								
BREAKFAST 7:00 - 8:30 AM — Governors AB								
Morning General Sessions—Michigan Room								
Time	Session	Presenter	Facilitator	Room				
8:30—9:30 AM	Special Education Pupil Accounting Update	Sean McLaughlin, Nancy Rotarius & Ann Walton - MDE-OSE	LeAnn Szymanski	Michigan				
9:30—10:30 AM	CEPI Update	Joel Thiele, CEPI & Nate Beelen, MDE	Randi Bassett	Michigan				
BREAK 10:30 - 10:45 AM — Michigan Prefunction								
Morning Sessions (Cont'd)								
10:45 AM—12:00 PM Cert Course (PAA, PAS)	State Agency Panel (Introduction to State Agency Resources)	MDE, CEPI & MiLEAP Staff	Tasha Speck	Michigan				
12:00—CONFERENCE ENDS—Safe Travels!								

Interactive Dining Guide

Looking for some good restaurants while at conference? Check out the Interactive Dining Guide. We have updated it for 2025 to make sure all of the restaurants are still open and their hours are in line with our conference. There are some new ones on this year's guide. You can find it at this website <http://bit.ly/44eU7GS> or scan here the QR code to the right.



Menu

Monday

Breakfast Buffet

Fresh Scrambled Eggs

Applewood Bacon & Vegetarian Sausage

Hash Browns

Assorted Danishes & Muffins

Fresh Sliced Fruits & Berries

Yogurt Parfait

Juices, Coffee & Tea



Beverage Service

Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks

Lunch

Salad

Pan Seared French Cut Chicken Breast with Caramelized Onion Jus

Dessert: Traverse City Cherry Almond Torte

Coffee, Hot Tea & Iced Tea

Snack

Warm Soft Pretzels, Tortilla Chips, Traditional Salsa, Beer Cheese Dip, Honey Dijon Mustard, Whole Grain

Mustard Dipping Sauce

Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks

Tuesday

Breakfast Buffet

Fresh Scrambled Eggs

Applewood Bacon & Vegetarian Sausage

American Potatoes

Assorted Danishes & Muffins

Fresh Sliced Fruits & Berries

Oatmeal

Juices, Coffee & Tea



Beverage Service

Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks

Lunch

Crisp Tossed Green Salad w/Choice of Dressings

Cheddar Jalapeno Corn Muffins with Cilantro Butter

Mexican Street Corn Salad

Taco Bar - Ground Beef, Chicken Strips, Refried Beans and all the fixings!

Dessert: Dulce de Leche Chocolate Cake

Coffee, Hot Tea & Iced Tea

Snack

Ice Cream Bars, Gelato (Dairy Free)

Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks



Wednesday

Breakfast Buffet

Fresh Scrambled Eggs ~ Applewood Bacon & Vegetarian Sausage Links ~ Mushroom & Feta Quiche ~ Hash Brown Potatoes ~ Assorted Danishes & Muffins ~ Fresh Sliced Fruits & Berries ~ Juices, Coffee & Tea



Bon Appétit!

Committee Membership

One of the most vital links that MPAAA maintains with its member community are the committees that we utilize to accomplish much of the association's planning and accomplishments. We have committees that cover several areas of both Pupil Accounting and Auditing, as well as 'functional' committees that assist in the management of the association. If you are interested in joining our board in the future, it is recommended that you participate on one or more committee so that you can become familiar with the inner workings of the association. If you are interested in joining any of the committees below, please email our Director, Rob Dickinson, at rob@mpaaa.org or pick up a green card to fill out and turn in at the registration desk.

Auditor Advisory Committee

This group works to review recent changes in auditing requirements, update pupil accounting forms and documents, and continuously strives to encourage more consistent auditing practices across the state. It is chaired by the Auditor's Representative.

This group will assist in the development of the budget for MPAAA and review and assist with developing financial controls, reporting, and investment opportunities. It is chaired by the Board's Treasurer.

Finance Committee

Strategic Planning Committee

This group is responsible for review and revision of the strategic plan for MPAAA and for the bi-annual review and recommended revisions to MPAAA By-Laws. It is chaired by the MPAAA Sergeant-at-Arms.

This committee develops membership opportunities, increases MPAAA membership and engagement, and promotes MPAAA as the leading source for pupil accounting and educational data training. It is chaired by the Marketing Chair.

Marketing Committee

Program Committee

This committee plans and assists in the development of MPAAA training opportunities including conferences, workshops, seminars, web-based learning options, print materials and MSBO certification. It is chaired by the Past President.

This committee reviews and investigates recent changes in pupil accounting and data reporting rules and regulations with an eye towards keeping members well informed. It is chaired by the MPAAA LEA and Data Representatives.

LEA/Data Committee

General Information

Conference Goal

The goal of this and every conference is to provide current information for ISD Auditors and for local staff who are responsible for pupil accounting, state reporting and data collections. Each conference is a must attend for anyone seeking certification as a Pupil Accounting Specialist, Pupil Accounting Auditor or Specialist in Education Data.

Become a Member!

Not a member? If you are not a member and would like to take advantage of lower conference and workshop rates and receive critical news via our website communication system, visit us at www.mpaaa.org and click on the "Membership" tab. Look for the Member Area Login where you will find a "Click here to join" link.

Game Night

Join us for a night of fun, networking, and friendly competition!

♦ **Annual Euchre Tournament** – Compete for cash prizes! All skill levels welcome. Kicks off at 7:00 PM.



♦ **Cornhole Tournament**

– Sign up and test your tossing skills for a chance to win some cash! Kicks off at 7:05 PM

♦ **Group Games** – Jump into various games available throughout the evening.

♦ **Birthday Celebration** – Enjoy a live DJ, photobooth, appetizers, a cash bar, and birthday cake as we celebrate together! Party starts at 7:00 and goes to 10:00.

TOURNAMENT



Don't miss this chance to connect with peers from across the state while having a great time!

Happy 90th Birthday to the Michigan Pupil Accounting and Attendance Association! This year, we proudly celebrate nine decades of supporting Michigan's education professionals in delivering exceptional pupil accounting and auditing services to educational agencies across the state.



Join us Tuesday from 7:00–10:00 PM in the Mackinac Room and pre-function area as we celebrate 90 years of serving our members! Enjoy a cash bar, appetizers, birthday cake, DJ, photo booth, games, raffles, and a special birthday gift for all attendees. Euchre and Cornhole Tournament players are encouraged to join after the tourneys end.

Certifications for

~Pupil Accounting

~Pupil Auditing

~Educational Data



MPAAA, in partnership with Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO), offers members the opportunity to earn certification as a Pupil Accounting Specialist, Pupil Accounting Auditor, or Specialist in Educational Data. These well-regarded credentials demonstrate your proficiency and commitment to your field, helping to enhance your career and professional reputation.

Each certification track has a defined set of courses that must be completed within three years of submitting your letter of commitment. The courses total approximately 50 hours and are designed for individuals with 1-5 years of experience. For those with over 5 years in the field, a grandfathering option may allow you to waive some requirements. Once certified, you'll need to complete 90 hours of continuing education every five years to maintain your certification.

To get started, you must be an MPAAA member, as most required courses are offered at MPAAA conferences, boot camps, and stand-alone workshops. A few additional classes are part of MSBO's curriculum and only available through their events. Membership with MSBO is also required at the time you complete your certification.

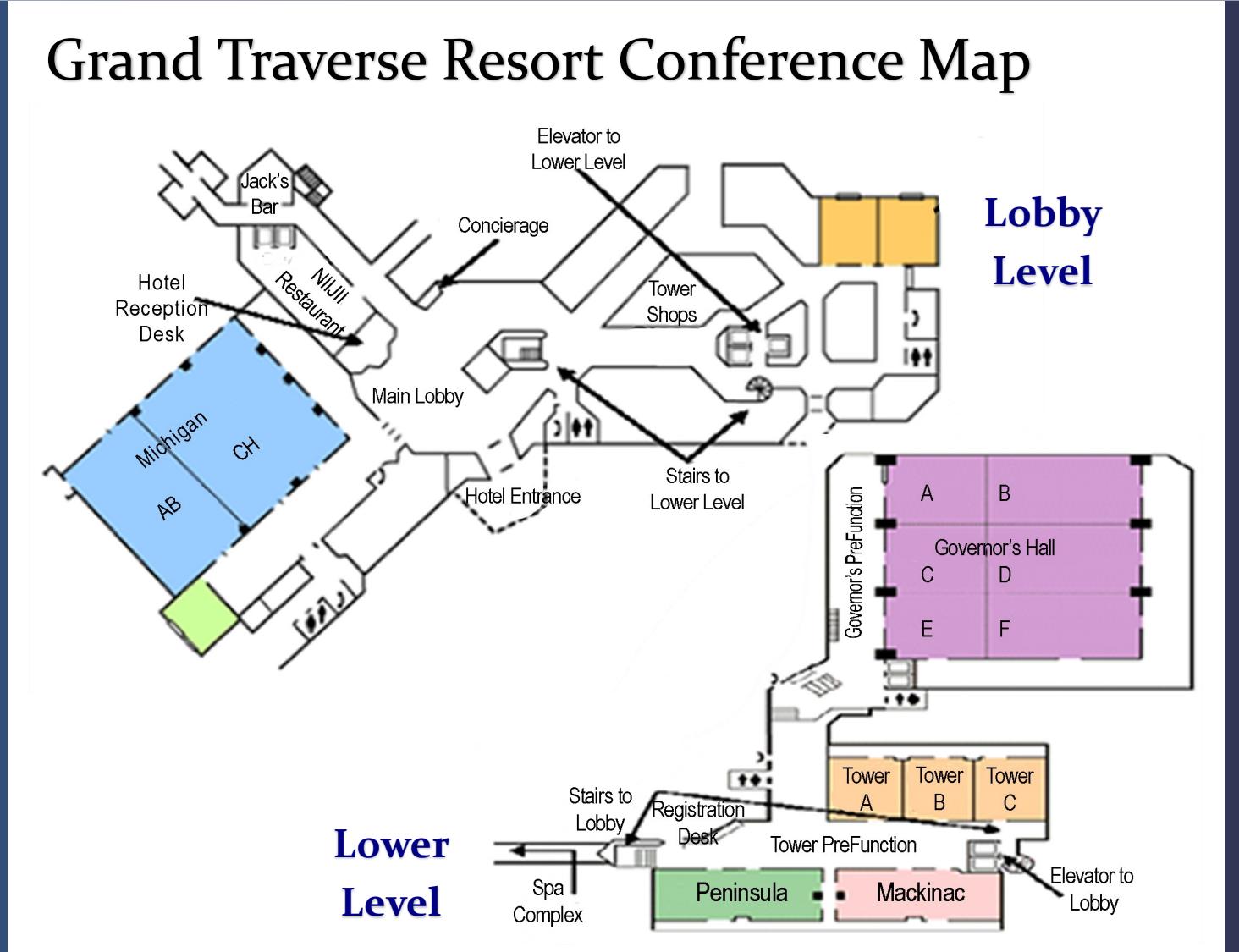
If you are unable to finish all required courses within three years, extension options are available. You can find full details on each certification track, including application forms, letters of commitment, and grandfathering information, at <http://www.msbo.org/msbo-certification-program>.

For questions or assistance, contact the MPAAA office at (517) 853-1413 or email Executive Director Rob Dickinson at rob@mpaaa.org.

Reminder: If you are actively working on or maintaining a certification and want this conference to count toward your continuing education, make sure to complete and submit the blue certification form **before** leaving the event as we cannot accept forms submitted later.



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Thank You to our State Agency Partners

One of MPAAA's primary goals is to maintain and strengthen the bonds between the Association and the State Agencies with whom we work. Sometimes one of the most thankless jobs is to stand before our membership and deliver news on legislative changes that mandate new collection requirements on our members. We are fortunate that our State Agency Partners take the time out of their busy schedules to make sure that our membership is kept in the loop on these new requirements. The Association would like to thank the following MDE, CEPI, MiLEAP and MDHHS staff for attending or contributing to our conference and making themselves available to our members:

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THE MPAAA WAY



Professionalism

We uphold intelligence and mutual respect in all our actions.



Integrity

We uphold the highest ethical standards in both our professional roles and personal behavior.



Accountability

We own our actions to ensure we follow through on our commitments while operating with fidelity.



Collaboration

We impact our community through sharing knowledge, offering advice, and supporting colleagues while helping others thrive.



Value

We recognize contributions and celebrate achievements, as every individual holds inherent worth.

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Revisiting some of our favorite sites!



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Frankenmuth, MI



September 22—24, 2025
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