

Michigan Pupil Accounting & Attendance Association



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Mission Statement

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.

Our Vision

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.

Purpose Statement

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

Welcome to the 2026 MPAAA Spring Conference

A Note from the MPAAA Director

Welcome to the 2026 MPAAA Spring Conference!

We're excited to offer another strong agenda designed to support your professional growth and provide practical, relevant insights.

Due to their continued popularity, we are bringing back our 45-Minute "Quick Hit" sessions, allowing you to attend two sessions within a traditional 90-minute block. Each session will be offered twice, giving you the flexibility to choose the topics most relevant to you.

Our certification courses will again be divided into morning and afternoon sessions. While both portions are required to receive credit, this structure allows you to participate in additional sessions throughout the day.

On Tuesday afternoon, our "Ask the Experts" session provides a valuable opportunity for one-on-one conversations with our State Agency partners. Whether you have specific questions or simply want to introduce yourself, we encourage you to take advantage of this time—building those connections is invaluable.

In the evenings, you can enjoy our traditional Euchre and Cornhole tournaments on Tuesday or take part in the Asylum tour offered Monday and Tuesday evenings—both great opportunities to connect and unwind.

We hope you find the conference informative, engaging, and enjoyable. If there is anything the MPAAA Board or I can do to enhance your experience, please don't hesitate to let us know. **Thank you for being here, and welcome!**



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Session Descriptions

Accurately Reporting Early Childhood Transition Part C to Part B (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – MiLEAP Team

As students in Program 270 transition from Part C to Part B, multiple reporting requirements must be completed, and documentation of the process can be complex. Join MiLEAP staff for a detailed overview of these requirements and guidance on proper documentation practices.

AI Options & Tools (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Christian Anderson, Oakland Schools & Luke Kaiser, Clinton County RESA

As state reporting requirements become increasingly complex, pupil accountants, data specialists, and auditors must leverage advanced tools to ensure compliance and funding accuracy. This Quick Hit session introduces artificial intelligence solutions designed to enhance efficiency while maintaining administrative integrity and data security.

Ask The Experts (1 Hour)

Presenters – CEPI, MDE, and MiLEAP Representatives

Engage in an interactive dialogue with representatives from CEPI, MDE, and MiLEAP. This session provides an opportunity to discuss challenges, ask questions, and identify areas where additional technical assistance is needed.

Attendance Matters: Making Every Resource Count : (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Rob Evans & Ingrid Seruga, Ingham ISD

This session highlights the critical role of front-line staff in addressing chronic absenteeism. Participants will learn strategies to improve communication, support families, and maintain accurate records to protect district funding.

Balancing Worksheet B (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Kelly Dumas, Warren Consolidated Schools; Carrie Haubenstricker, Genesee ISD; & Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD

Do you know what Worksheet Bs are? If your district claims Special Education FTE, this session is essential. Participants will gain practical strategies for ensuring accurate FTE reporting, balancing categoricals, and reconciling data to the DS-4061 by the submission deadline.

CEPI Update (1 Hour) (Certification tracks: PAA, PAS, SED)

Presenter – Joel Thiele, CEPI

This general session provides updates on current and upcoming CEPI collections, along with key information districts need to remain compliant with state reporting requirements.

College Transcripts & Parchment (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Ben Silva & Paul McMorro, Parchment Services

Explore the benefits of utilizing the Parchment system for student transcript management. This session highlights advantages for both students and staff, as well as integration with Michigan's statewide contract with Parchment Services.

Data Quality 1 (3 Hours)(Certification tracks: PAA, PAS & SED)

Presenter – Rob Dickinson, MPAAA

Establishing a culture of data quality is essential to effective school operations. This foundational session covers key components of data quality, contributing factors, collaboration strategies, data security, confidentiality, and the elements of a comprehensive data audit.

Days & Clock Hours Including EOY Reporting (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – Jessica Beagle & Brian Ciloski, MDE

This session provides an overview of requirements related to instructional time, including calculating clock hours, accounting for passing time, and understanding district calendar compliance. End-of-year reporting requirements will also be addressed.

Session Descriptions (cont'd)

Effective Communications (3 Hours) (Certification tracks: PAA, PAS, SED)

Presenter – Anita Banach, REMC

Learn strategies for delivering clear, credible, and impactful communication within your district. This session focuses on building effective communication programs that support organizational goals and stakeholder engagement.

Early Middle College Basics (1.5 Hours)

Presenter – Jennifer Thomas, MDE EMC

MDE staff will provide an overview of establishing an EMC program, including reporting requirements for both locally operated programs and those attended externally by your students.

EOY Reporting (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – CEPI Staff

CEPI staff will review required end-of-year submissions, including REP, TSDL, SRM, Early Childhood, and General Collections, with guidance on timelines and reporting expectations.

Inside the Auditor Advisory Committee (AAC): Updates Driving Consistency & Quality (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – AAC Subcommittee Representatives

This session provides an overview of the Auditor Advisory Committee (AAC) and its nine active subcommittees. Participants will gain insight into statewide efforts to improve consistency, strengthen audit processes, and enhance pupil accounting practices. Each subcommittee will share current priorities, progress, and upcoming initiatives, offering practical insight into the work shaping future guidance and audit expectations.

Intersection of Foster Care & Pupil Accounting (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Kathleen Hoehne, MDE & Ann Rossi, MDHHS

Join experts from MDE and MDHHS to explore how foster care data is collected, challenges in identifying foster youth, and new legislative requirements for annual reporting.

Introduction to Pupil Auditing (3 Hours) (Certification tracks: PAA/PAS)

Presenters – Shannon Rea, COOR ISD & Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD

This session introduces the fundamentals of pupil accounting auditing, including audit preparation, key terminology, quality control reviews, and best practices for audit documentation.

Legislative Update (1 Hour)

Presenter – Bob Kefgen, MASSP

Receive an update on recently passed and pending legislation impacting pupil accounting, auditing, and data reporting.

Macomb Data Tool (45 Minutes)

Presenter – Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD

This Quick Hit session demonstrates how to prepare and process data for state submission using the Macomb MISD MSDS tool, highlighting key features that support efficient reporting.

Managing GAD (45 Minutes)

Presenter – MacKenzie Cooper, CEPI

This session covers how high school student data is reported to CEPI and how it is used to monitor and track graduation progress.

MDE Updates for Auditors (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Jose Quintero & Gloria Suggitt, MDE

Join staff from MDE's Office of Audits to discuss the recent Auditor General determination of current Pupil Auditing processes, and how that determination may affect future audits.

Session Descriptions

MiDataHub MSDS Features: Hands-on Workshop for Current Users (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – Laura Caballero & Tony Howard, MiDataHub Network

This interactive Quick Hit session is designed for districts already using MiDataHub's MSDS features. Participants will work directly with tools such as data quality alerts, error checking, and MSDS reports to refine reporting processes. Please bring your own device and confirm access to MSDS in MiDataHub prior to attending.

MiDataHub State Reporting Tools: An Introduction (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Laura Caballero & Tony Howard, MiDataHub Network

Learn how MiDataHub supports student data reporting through its MSDS features, developed in collaboration with CEPI. Explore tools like data quality alerts, the error checker, and MSDS reports to improve accuracy and streamline reporting. Ideal for those new to MiDataHub or considering its use in their district.

MSDS In Depth (3 Hours) (Certification Track: SED)

Presenter – Anne Hansknecht, CEPI

Gain a comprehensive understanding of the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS), including its components, data collections, and alignment with state and federal requirements.

PA POP 3: Back to Basics (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – Linda DeHooghe, Utica Community Schools & Melanie Scheitler, Rochester Community Schools

Master the essential foundations of pupil accounting for nonconventional students in this intensive refresher designed for both new and experienced professionals. This session breaks down the POP 3 categories and requirements into actionable steps, ensuring your district remains compliant with state reporting standards.

Pupil Accounting for the Building—Enrollment & Residency (45 Minutes)

Presenter – Rob Dickinson, MPAAA

Explore a new MPAAA training resource designed to train building-level staff. Participants will preview a session format intended for local use and provide feedback to support future development.

Pupil Accounting Legal Issues (2 Hours) (Certification tracks: PAA/PAS)

Presenter – Jennifer Starlin, Thrun Law Firm

Jennifer Starlin, Thrun Law Firm, will share the legal perspective on current educational issues. Gain insight into current legal considerations affecting pupil accounting, including enrollment, FERPA, student records, and teacher certification, along with implications for data quality and reporting.

Quality Control Review Prep (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Jose Quintero & Gloria Suggitt, MDE

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.

Residency/SOC (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – Coleen Billings, Ann Arbor Schools & Christina Hay, Kalamazoo RESA

This session provides a comprehensive review of residency requirements and Schools of Choice processes, including timelines, approvals, and compliance considerations.

Section 23a (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Jessica Beagle & Brian Ciloski, MDE

In the past few years, the rules around 23a programs, and the ways they must be reported to collect the available funding, have gone through several iterations of change. MDE experts will provide an overview of recent changes to Section 23a programs and current reporting requirements necessary to secure available funding.

Session Descriptions (cont'd)

Special Education Updates & Important Topics (1.5 Hours)

Presenters – Office of Special Education Staff

Review recent updates in Special Education along with discussion of critical topics impacting reporting and compliance.

State Agency Panel (Introduction to State Agency Resources) (1.5 Hours)

(Certification tracks: PAA/PAS (1 Hour towards Certification))

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 staff, ISD staff or contracted auditors.

State Agency Update (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Brian Ciloski & Gloria Suggitt, MDE

This general session will discuss the process of the annual education budget process and how that process culminates in the production of the annual Pupil Accounting Manual as well as the Pupil Membership Auditing Manual.

State Aid Update (1 Hour)

Presenters – Jessica Beagle & Brian Ciloski, MDE

Hear about the latest updates and any new regulations and rules that may affect your district.

Teacher Sub Permits – Are You Using the Right Sub Permit? (45 Minutes)

Presenter – Katie Schmiedeknecht, MDE

This Quick Hit session reviews substitute permit requirements and processes to ensure districts are applying for and using the correct permit types.

Testing Update (45 Minutes)

Presenter – Tina Foote, MDE

This Quick Hit 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.

TSDL & EL Course Coding (45 Minutes)

Presenters – Kelly Alvarez, MDE & Brandon Baryo, CEPI

This Quick Hit session discusses the Teacher Student Data Link (TSDL) and how information on English learners can best be reported in that collection and the requirements of that reporting.

What Districts Need to Know About Teacher Placement (1.5 Hours)

Presenter – Katie Schmiedeknecht, MDE

This session provides valuable guidance for both auditors and pupil accountants on appropriate staff placement and credentialing requirements. Participants will review common district errors that may result in financial deductions, as well as gain a clear understanding of the distinctions between salary and FTE-based investigations and deductions.

XML (Extremely Maddening Language) (1.5 Hours)

Presenter – Janell Craig, Oakland Schools

This session demystifies XML files used in MSDS reporting. Participants will learn how to navigate, edit, and validate XML data using available tools to ensure accuracy and compliance.

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 - 8:00 AM — Governor’s AB				
Time/Track	Session	Presenter	Facilitator	Room
8:00 - 10:15 AM	Morning General Sessions/Certification Class—Michigan Room			
8:00 - 8:15 AM	Welcome / General Membership Meeting	Tasha Speck, Owosso Schools & Rob Dickinson, MPAAA	Kelly Dumas	Michigan
8:15 - 10:15 AM (PAA/PAS)	Pupil Accounting Legal Issues	Jennifer Starlin, Thrun Law	Tracy Thornburg	Michigan
BREAK 10:15 - 10:30 AM — Governor’s Prefunction				
10:30 - 12:00 PM	Morning Breakout/Morning Certification Class			
PAA	Inside the Auditor Advisory Committee: Updates Driving Consistency & Quality	ISD Auditors	Shannon Rea & Julie Ziesemer	Michigan AB
PAS	Residency/SOC	Coleen Billings, Ann Arbor Schools & Christina Hay, Kalamazoo RESA	Randi Bassett	Gov EF
SED	XML (Extremely Maddening Language)	Janell Craig, Oakland Schools	Kathi Thornton	Tower A
PAA/PAS/SED	Early Middle College Basics	Jennifer Thomas, MDE EMC	Kimberly Ozella	Tower B
PAA/PAS/SED	Accurately Reporting Early Childhood Transition Part C to Part B	MILEAP Staff	Heidi Cuthbert	Mackinac
Cert Course (SED)	MSDS in Depth (part 1 of 2)	Anne Hansknecht, CEPI	Tracy Thornburg	Gov CD
Cert Course (PAA/PAS/SED)	Effective Communications (part 1 of 2)	Anita Banach, REMC	Barb Massie	Peninsula
LUNCH 12:00 - 1:30 PM — Governor’s AB / VENDOR EXPO — Governor’s & Tower Prefunction				
1:30 - 2:15 PM	Afternoon Quick Hits Round 1			
PAA	MDE Updates for Auditors	Gloria Suggitt & Jose Quintero, MDE	Kait Guerra	Michigan AB
PAS	Pupil Accounting for the Building - Enrollment & Residency	Rob Dickinson, MPAAA	N/A	Gov EF
PAS	Testing Update	Tina Foote, MDE	Anne Hansknecht	Tower A
PAS	Attendance Matters: Making Every Resource Count	Rob Evans & Ingrid Seruga, Ingham ISD	Melanie Scheitler	Tower B
SED	Macomb Data Tool	Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD	Josie Pike	Peninsula
PAA/PAS/SED	Balancing Worksheet B	Kelly Dumas, Warren Consolidated Schools, Carrie Haubenstricker, Genesee ISD & Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD	N/A	Gov CD
PAA/PAS/SED	Teacher Sub Permits - Are You Using the Right Sub Permit?	Katie Schmiedeknecht, MDE	Leah Cameron	Michigan CD
BREAK 2:15 - 2:30 PM—Governor’s Prefunction				
2:30 - 4:00 PM	Afternoon Cert Classes			
Cert Course (SED)	MSDS in Depth (part 2 of 2)	Anne Hansknecht, CEPI	Vestita Ortiz	Mackinac
Cert Course (PAS/ PAA/SED)	Effective Communications (part 2 of 2)	Anita Banach, REMC	Linda DeHooghe	Michigan EF

MONDAY		(Continued)		
Time/Track	Session	Presenter	Facilitator	Room
2:30 - 3:15 PM	Quick Hits Round 2			
PAA	MDE Updates for Auditors	Gloria Suggitt & Jose Quintero, MDE	Matty McCormick	Michigan AB
PAS	Pupil Accounting for the Building - Enrollment & Residency	Rob Dickinson, MPAAA	N/A	Gov EF
PAS	Testing Update	Tina Foote, MDE	Coleen Billings	Tower A
PAS	Attendance Matters: Making Every Resource Count	Rob Evans & Ingrid Seruga, Ingham ISD	Melanie Scheitler	Tower B
SED	Macomb Data Tool	Kathi Thornton, Kent ISD	Randi Bassett	Peninsula
PAA/PAS/SED	Balancing Worksheet B	Kelly Dumas, Warren Consolidated Schools, Carrie Haubenstricker, Genesee ISD & Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD	N/A	Gov CD
PAA/PAS/SED	Teacher Sub Permits - Are You Using the Right Sub Permit?	Katie Schmiedeknecht, MDE	Leah Cameron	Michigan CD

TUESDAY		Registration Open 7:00 - 8:30 AM — Tower Lobby (Lower Level)		
BREAKFAST 7:00 - 8:00 AM - Governors AB (LEA/Data Committee 7:30 Governors C)				
8:00 - 10:00 AM	Morning General Sessions—Michigan Room			
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Legislative Update	Bob Kefgen, MASSP	Sherri Cooper	Michigan
9:00 - 10:00 AM	State Aid Update	Brian Ciloski & Jessica Beagle, MDE	Tasha Speck	Michigan
BREAK 10:00 - 10:15 AM — Governor’s Prefunction				
10:15 - 11:45 PM	Morning Breakout/Certification Classes			
SED	EOY Reporting	CEPI Staff	Barb Massie	Gov EF
PAA/PAS	PA POP 3: Back to Basics	Linda DeHooghe, Utica Community Schools & Melanie Scheitler, Rochester Community Schools	Tasha Speck	Tower A
PAA/PAS	What Districts Need to Know About Teacher Placement	Katie Schmiedeknecht, MDE	Leah Cameron	Mackinac
PAS/SED	MiDataHub MSDS Features: Hands-on Workshop for Current Users	Laura Caballero & Tony Howard, MiData-Hub Network	Luke Kaiser	Tower B
PAA/PAS/SED	Days & Clock Hours Including EOY Reporting	Brian Ciloski & Jessica Beagle, MDE	Carrie Haubenstricker	Peninsula
PAA/PAS/SED	Special Education Updates & Important Topics	Office of Special Education Staff	Josie Pike	Gov CD
Cert Course (PAS/PAA/SED)	Data Quality 1 (part 1 of 2)	Rob Dickinson, MPAAA		Michigan EH
Cert Course (PAS/PAA)	Introduction to Pupil Auditing (part 1 of 2)	Shannon Rea, COOR ISD & Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD		Michigan AB
LUNCH & AWARDS 11:45 - 1:00 PM — Governors AB				

Interactive Dining Guide

Looking for some good restaurants while at conference? Check out the Interactive Dining Guide. We have updated it for 2026 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 scan the QR code to the right.



TUESDAY		(Continued)		
Time/Track	Session	Presenter	Facilitator	Room
1:00 - 1:45 PM	Afternoon Quick Hits Round 1			
PAA	Quality Control Review Prep	Gloria Suggitt & Jose Quintero, MDE	Shannon Rea	Gov EF
PAS	College Transcripts & Parchment	Paul McMorrow & Ben Silva, Parchment Svc	Coleen Billings	Tower C
PAA/PAS	Managing GAD	Mackenzie Cooper, CEPI	Randi Bassett	Peninsula
PAS/SED	MiDataHub State Reporting Tools: An Introduction	Laura Caballero & Tony Howard, MiDataHub Network	Anne Hansknecht	Tower A
PAS/SED	TSDL & EL Course Coding	Kelly Alvarez, MDE & Brandon Baryo, CEPI	Leah Cameron	Gov CD
PAA/PAS/SED	AI Options & Tools	Christian Anderson, Oakland Schools & Luke Kaiser, Clinton County RESA	Kathi Thornton	Mackinac
PAA/PAS/SED	Intersection of Foster Care & Pupil Accounting	Kathleen Hoehne, MDE & Ann Rossi, MDHHS	Melanie Scheitler	Tower B
PAA/PAS/SED	Section 23a	Brian Ciloski & Jessica Beagle, MDE	Linda DeHooghe	Michigan CD
BREAK 1:45 - 2:00 PM — Governor's Prefunction				
2:00 - 2:45 PM	Quick Hits Round 2			
PAA	Quality Control Review Prep	Gloria Suggitt & Jose Quintero, MDE	Kait Guerra	Gov EF
PAS	College Transcripts & Parchment	Paul McMorrow & Ben Silva, Parchment Svc	Linda DeHooghe	Tower C
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PAA/PAS/SED	Section 23a	Brian Ciloski & Jessica Beagle, MDE	Leah Cameron	Michigan CD
2:00 - 3:30 PM	Afternoon Certification Courses (Cont'd from AM)			
Cert Course (PAA/PAS/SED)	Data Quality 1 (part 2 of 2)	Rob Dickinson, MPAAA	N/A	Michigan EH
Elective Cert Course (PAA/PAS/SED)	Introduction to Pupil Auditing (part 2 of 2)	Shannon Rea, COOR ISD & Julie Ziesemer, Washtenaw ISD	N/A	Michigan AB
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Ask the Experts	CEPI, MDE & MiLEAP Staff	MPAAA Board & Experts	Gov AB
Corn Hole/Euchre Tournament/Game Night ~ 7:00-10:00 PM ~ Tower Rooms (Lower Level)				

WEDNESDAY				
BREAKFAST 7:30 - 8:30 AM — Governors AB				
Morning General Sessions—Michigan Room				
Time/Track	Session	Presenter	Facilitator	Room
8:30-9:30 AM	CEPI Update (PAA/PAS/SED)	Joel Thiele, CEPI	Julie Ziesemer	Michigan
9:30 - 10:15 AM	State Agency Update	Brian Ciloski & Gloria Suggit, MDE	Randi Bassett	Michigan
BREAK 10:15 - 10:30 AM — Michigan Prefunction				
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Cert Course (PAA/PAS)	State Agency Panel (Introduction to State Agency Resources)	MDE, CEPI & MiLEAP Staff	Kelly Dumas	Michigan
12:00—CONFERENCE ENDS—Safe Travels!				

Menu

Monday

Breakfast Buffet

Fresh Scrambled Eggs
Applewood Bacon & Vegetarian Sausage
American Potatoes
Assorted Danishes, Muffins, Breads Croissants
Oatmeal with Milk, Dried Fruit & Brown Sugar
Juices, Coffee & Tea



Beverage Service

Coffee, Decaf and Soft Drinks

Lunch

Salad Bar with all the Fixings
Chicken & Wild Rice Soup
Cream of Tomato Basil Soup
Dessert: Brownies & Raspberry Bars
Coffee, Hot Tea & Iced Tea

Snack

Great Lakes Potato Chips
Popcorn
Grand Traverse Resort Granola Bars
Coffee, Decaf and Soft Drinks

Tuesday

Breakfast Buffet

Fresh Scrambled Eggs
Applewood Bacon & Vegetarian Sausage
Lyonnaise Potatoes
Assorted Danishes, Muffins, Breads Croissants
Yogurt Parfaits
Juices, Coffee & Tea



Beverage Service

Coffee, Decaf and Soft Drinks

Lunch

Street Taco Buffet
Smoked Pork Belly/Carnitas/Smoke Brisket
Mixed Greens, Fresh Pico de Gallo, Pineapple Mango Salsa,
Pickled Red Onions, Jalapeno, Cilantro Lime Slaw, Guacamole,
Cotija Cheese, Sriracha ranch, cilantro crema, Flour Tortillas
and Corn Tortilla Chips
Dessert: Mexican Flan and churro Cupcakes
Coffee, Hot Tea & Iced Tea

Snack

Gourmet Ice Cream Bars, Gelato (Dairy Free)
Coffee, Decaf and Soft Drinks



Wednesday

Breakfast Buffet

Fresh Scrambled Eggs ~ Applewood Bacon & Vegetarian Sausage Links ~
Biscuits & Sausage Gravy ~ Hash Brown Potatoes ~ Assorted Danishes & Muffins
~ Juices, Coffee & Tea



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 committees 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.

State Continuing Education Clock Hours

If your district **requires** you to have a certain number of State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) submitted to MDE (typically for administrators, counselors, teachers), or you are working towards a new certification with MSBO or renewal of an existing certification, please use the provided QR code to report the sessions you attended here at the conference.

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. If you wish to receive credit for completing a certification course, remember that you need to attend BOTH parts of the course, in the morning AND the afternoon, to receive credit.

You can use this QR code to record your sessions as you attend them, or do it all at once after the conference has ended, but please don't forget as this is the **ONLY** way to record your sessions for MSBO or SCECH credit.



Game Night

Join us for an evening of networking, connection, and friendly competition. This is a great opportunity to engage with peers from across the state while enjoying a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

◆ 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.

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 4th is our annual Vendor Exhibits during lunch. Besides our national vendors we do have some fun vendors!

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.

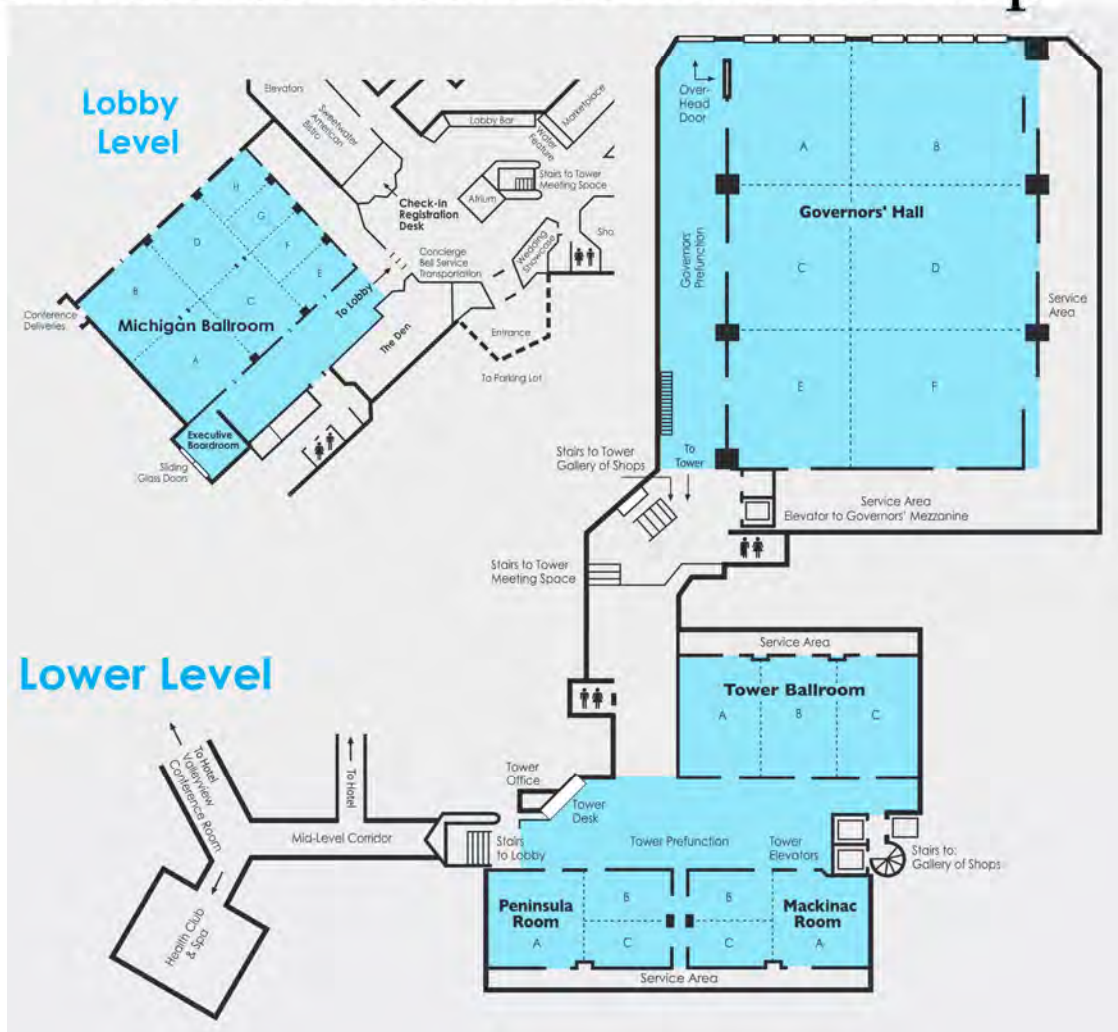
If you are unable to finish all required courses within three years, extension options are available. You can find full details on each certification track, including application forms, letters of commitment, and grandfathering information, at <http://www.msbo.org/msbo-certification-program>.

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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