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UPDATED -- EdYES! Reporting Deadlines and Access Codes

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[Updated EdYES! Reporting Deadlines](#)

The Michigan Department of Education, Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) plans to send letters today via e-mail outlining the 2009-10 Education YES! reporting requirements and the availability of new school improvement tools. Reports specific to your building or district have been activated and will be available online at www.advanc-ed.org.

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Building and district access codes will not change this year. If you are new to your position, please contact the NCA office to get the access code specific to your building or district.

[Now Being Accepted Speaker RFPs for the Spring School Improvement Conference](#)

Report due dates for the 2009-10 school year:

- **Standards Self-Assessment (SA)** - March 12, 2010
- **SAR** - 6 weeks before your QAR visit date OR March 12, 2010 -- *whichever comes first*
- **School Improvement Plan** - September 1, 2010
- **District Improvement Plan** - June 30, 2010

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If you have never logged in to the website please use the following directions: Go to www.advanc-ed.org, click on log-in (in the upper right hand corner) and click on the link "Not registered yet". This will bring up a new profile screen for you to fill in, create your password and enter your building's access code. If you have any questions, please contact [Carol Britton](#).

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QAR Chair Training - January 6 and February 3, 2010

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**Thank you for your
service to Michigan NCA
and AdvancED!**

If you are interested in expanding your professional development and supporting other schools for continuous school improvement, please consider becoming a certified Quality Assurance Review (QAR) team chair.

The next two-day session is scheduled for January 6 and February 3, 2010. Please complete the [registration form](#) and return it to the Michigan NCA Office. This training is free of charge to those participants who agree to chair a QAR at the conclusion of their training.

We welcome your becoming a certified QAR Team Chair and would be pleased to have you chair a QAR team in the spring after completing the training. Please call the office if you have any questions about chairing a QAR team.

Michigan Schools Need QAR Team Members

Join a QAR team to participate in observing and sharing quality feedback at a Michigan school. This is an incredible opportunity for educators! Participants have indicated that this is *"the most rewarding professional development they have ever experienced."*

You can experience a QAR visit before a team comes to your school!

You can give back to other schools if your school has already hosted a QAR.

Please contact [Dianne Branch](#) if you would like to participate on a team. Team members do not need training outside of what they receive on their QAR visit.

2.0 - 3.0 SB-CEUs are available for participating on a QAR Team.

Now Being Accepted Requests to Speak at the MDE/NCA Spring School Improvement Conference

Showcase your school improvement success by presenting at the **MDE/NCA Spring School Improvement Conference** on **March 16, 2010**.

We are searching for your experiences and activities that support "*Effective School Improvement Practices*" that you and your school team would be willing to share with other schools.

You can download the [presentation proposal](#) then complete and return to the NCA Office by **January 22, 2010**.

Did You Know...



. . . that "in order to produce 21st Century Learners, you must be a 21st Century Teacher." Where do you fall as a classroom teacher? **Take a moment...**

Workshop/Conference Registration Instructions

Registering for an NCA Workshop/Conference 2009-10

1. Go to:
http://www.advanc-ed.org/about_us/state_offices/michigan
2. Choose the link "*Local Professional Development*" and click.
3. Choose from list of workshops or conferences.
4. Click "*Registration Form*"
5. Complete the Fax Back Registration form.
6. Fax the form to 517.492.1354 or email as an attachment to
cbritton@ncacasi.org.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Carol Britton at 517.492.1390.

Upcoming Workshop Offerings

Our Professional Learning Calendars have been delivered to your schools, if you need an extra copy please contact [Carol Britton](#). Click on the workshop title below to find out more information regarding the description, time, cost and how to register!

Don't forget the board member discount of 50%.

December 8 [**Guided Work Session**](#)

Kent ISD - Grand Rapids

December 8 [**We've Hosted Our QAR...What's Next?**](#)

(am only) Genesee ISD - Flint

December 9 [**Continuous School Improvement:**](#)

[**Elements, Tools and Processes**](#)

NCA Office - Lansing

December 15 [**District Accreditation Overview**](#)

NCA Office - Lansing

December 16 [**Joining NCA**](#)

(am only) NCA Office - Lansing

January 5 [**Guided Work Session**](#)

Oakland Schools - Waterford

January 5 [**NCA Accreditation 101**](#)

Wayne RESA - Wayne

January 6 [**QAR Chair Training**](#)

(day 1) Wayne RESA - Wayne

- January 7 **Continuous School Improvement:
Elements, Tools and Processes**
Oakland Schools - Waterford
- January 12 **QAR Chair Update - 3:15 - 4:30 pm**
Webinar
- January 13 **Preparing for Your QAR**
School - **am**/District - **pm**
NCA Office - Lansing
- January 14 **Think Like a System!**
NCA Office - Lansing
- January 19 **Guided Work Session**
Kalamazoo RESA - Kalamazoo
- January 20 **NCA Accreditation 101**
Traverse Bay Area ISD - Traverse City
- January 21 **Guided Work Session**
Traverse Bay Area ISD - Traverse City
- January 27 **Guided Work Session**
Macomb ISD - Clinton Township
- January 28 **NCA Accreditation 101**
Genesee ISD - Flint

Please note: *There will be a cancellation fee charged for **all** workshops, if we have not received a five business day cancellation notice from the participant.*

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