



# "The Right Stuff" — Right Now

The MI-LIFE curriculum is taking shape as we near completion of the development of the courses. The Curriculum is structured into four major learning units:

- Digital Leadership**, what are the "right" tools?
- Your Leadership**, what are the "right" qualities?
- Data Leadership**, what is the "right" work?
- Instructional Leadership**, how do we do the "right" work?

Within each learning unit, school leaders will participate in courses that will be conducted face-to-face and online with additional self-directed work to be completed during intersessions.

## Program Materials

The program materials for facilitators and for participating school leaders are being developed in a format so that all collateral will be organized and easy to use. This includes a storage box divided by learning unit with specific folders for each course and space for any technology tool that may be used in the courses.



## Program Start

MI-LIFE will run from January 2008-February 2009 with a first cohort of approximately 200 school leaders. A second cohort of 200 school leaders will run from September 2008-September 2009. The delivery of the program will be staggered over two school years for each cohort to minimize the out-of-school time for busy administrators.

## PARTNERS



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## Proposed Regional Sites

The Project Management team is in the process of identifying centralized and convenient locations in regions throughout the state for the delivery of the program.

### Facilitators for MI-LIFE

Prospective facilitators for the courses are invited to attend the MI-LIFE Sneak Preview on June 21 to learn more about the program and to discuss details about facilitation so they can make an informed decision as to whether they are interested. If you know of educators who may be interested, send names and contact information to Marion Ginopolis [mginopolis@mi-life.org](mailto:mginopolis@mi-life.org) so they may be included in the Sneak Preview.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q.** Will MI-LIFE be offered to aspiring administrators?

**A.** Not at this time. The program will be open to current school leaders. Each partnering professional association will be allocated a certain number of enrollments for their members. Other participants will include high-priority school principals and school leaders who may not be members of one of the partnering associations.

**Q.** Will there be a fee to participate in MI-LIFE?

**A.** Yes, there will be a fee which is yet undetermined. However, the Microsoft Partners in Learning Grant will subsidize the majority of this for approximately 400 participants.

**Q.** Can a school leader select which courses s/he wants to take?

**A.** Not during the grant period. While some of the courses *could* be "stand-alone" courses, the MI-LIFE Curriculum was developed to provide a sequential and comprehensive leadership development program. Each course builds on the learning from the previous course. At this time the expectation is that all participants will complete the entire curriculum.

**Q.** Will participants earn SB-CEU's?

**A.** Yes, they will earn SB-CEU's upon successful completion of the program and a specialty endorsement from the Michigan Department of Education.

### Spreading the Word!!

Presentations about MI-LIFE are being conducted at professional association executive board meetings, annual fall conferences and other venues to inform Michigan school leaders about the program and to leverage interest in participating.

If you would like a presentation of MI-LIFE for your association, meeting or other venue, contact Marion Ginopolis [mginopolis@mi-life.org](mailto:mginopolis@mi-life.org)



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MI-LIFE  
Sneak Preview  
June 21, 2007  
8:30-3:30

James B. Henry Center  
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#### ...MI-LIFE Website

[www.mi-life.org](http://www.mi-life.org)

for continuously updated information about the curriculum, timeline for implementation, and schedules

#### ...MI-LIFE Blog

[www.milife.typepad.com](http://www.milife.typepad.com)

for issues of interest and commentaries and where you can have your own voice on the Web by commenting on the postings that appear

