

May 15, 2017

To: Dr. Hadfield

From: Mary A. Laffey

Co-Director of the MU Partnership for Educational Renewal (MPER)

Re: Openings in the MPER Partnership for 2017-2018- Invitation to Apply

The MU Partnership for Educational Renewal has openings for schools starting in the 2017-2018 school year. Schools are classified according to enrollment. Your district would be considered a Tier Two district. Attached you will find a document that lists our current member schools and some of our main services. The MPER office is housed and supported by the MU College of Education. Below I have listed our overall Purpose and Mission along with a quick outline of the school district's responsibilities as a member.

Purpose and Mission

The mission of the MU Partnership for Educational Renewal is to collaboratively discover, develop, demonstrate, and disseminate effective standards-based educational practices. Its primary function is to positively affect the major areas of concern common to the education of school-age youth and the professional development of the full continuum of Missouri educators.

Responsibilities of Member Institutions

As a member of the Partnership, each institution will participate in the formulation of Partnership policies and practices. In addition, each member will have the opportunity to be involved in all Partnership activities, to have access to all publications, reports, and other materials developed. In order to qualify for membership, each member must agree to support the Partnership by:

1. Committing to active involvement in the Partnership.
2. Seeking the use of all types of knowledge to address identified school/university and community educational needs.
3. Releasing staff to attend appropriate Partnership meetings and to give leadership to designated programs of the Partnership.
4. Clarifying or establishing internal procedures in order to facilitate the participation of staff of the organization to promote communications, harmony, and support for the Partnership activities.
5. Exchanging consultants, staff, data, hosting meetings, etc. with other Partnership members.
6. Engaging in a process of critical inquiry directed at crucial problems.

If you are interested in pursuing membership in our network, please respond to this email or our office by June 1, 2017. Upon receipt of your interest, I will send you the initial self-evaluation and application packet to complete by July 15, 2017. Annual membership dues for Tier Two Schools are currently \$4750.

On July 15, 2017 MU will assemble a team to evaluate your application package. Finalists for membership will be determined by August 1 and a half day site visit will be scheduled in August and September at your districts to complete the evaluation of your application.

If you are not familiar with MPER or would like to have me give you a call to discuss this opportunity before you even respond, I would welcome the conversation. I can be reached at laffey@missouri.edu or you may call me anytime on my cell phone which is 573-424-8324.

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