

MSAA Critical Friends Network

For the 2026–27 school year, MSAA is excited to launch a new opportunity for members to connect, collaborate, and support one another through the MSAA Critical Friends Network.

Our goal is to create intentional spaces where MSAA members can connect authentically, grow professionally, and build supportive leadership communities throughout the year. These ongoing communities will provide a welcoming and safe space for members to:

- Build meaningful professional connections
- Share experiences, resources, and ideas
- Encourage and support one another
- Discuss challenges and successes in leadership

Each group will:

- Meet virtually once a month for one hour (September 2026-June 2027). The group will determine the monthly day and time (after school hours).
- Gather in person once each year for networking

We are pleased to begin offering the following MSAA Critical Friends Network groups for the 2026–2027 school year:

Assistant Principals ([click here](#) to sign up)

Facilitator: *Erica M. Pasquarelli, Assistant Principal, Freshman Academy at Beverly High School, Member of the MSAA Board of Directors, MSAA Assistant Principals' Committee Chair*

Leaders of Color ([click here](#) to sign up)

Facilitator: *Stephanie Sibley, Principal, W.M. Trotter Elementary School, Member of the MSAA Board of Directors*

Women in Leadership ([click here](#) to sign up)

Facilitator: *Kelley St. Coeur, Principal, Ashland High School, Member of the MSAA Board of Directors*

The Science of Reading (PreK-12) ([click here](#) to sign up)

Facilitator: *Brenda Kelley, Principal, Morris Elementary School, Member of the MSAA Board of Directors, and 2024 MSAA Principal of the Year*

Additional groups may be added based on members' interest.