Michigan Assessment Consortium CEO Announcement



Kathy Dewsbury-White, MAC's founding president and CEO (left), and incoming CEO Lisa Lockman (right).

Michigan Assessment Consortium Board Names Lisa Lockman as Chief Executive Officer

Mason, MI — November 6, 2026 — The Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC) Board of Directors has appointed Lisa Lockman as Chief Executive Officer, effective January 1, 2027. Lockman succeeds Kathy Dewsbury-White, MAC's founding president and CEO, who will remain connected to the organization's work as Executive Advisor.

"The Board's decision to appoint Lisa Lockman is a good one. She shares the mission and vision of the organization, and she comes equipped with connections, experience, and expertise that can take MAC to the next level," said Dewsbury-White.

Lockman joins MAC from the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA), where she has served as Director of Operations and Grant Management. During her tenure, she led operations and grant management supporting more than 250 intermediate school district superintendents and administrators. She also secured $110 million in grants and increased MAISA project funding to support statewide initiatives in assessment, data, literacy, and continuous improvement.

Lockman holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University. Her longstanding connection to MAC—including service on the Board of Directors since 2010 and her recent role as Board President—gives her a deep understanding of the organization's history, mission, and opportunities ahead.

“As CEO, I will bring operational discipline, strategic partnerships, and a clear, compelling narrative about why assessment literacy matters—positioning MAC as an indispensable partner in Michigan’s educational future,” said Lockman. “I am excited by the opportunity to help MAC build on its strong foundation, broaden its impact, and enter its next chapter with clarity and purpose.”

As MAC’s founding president and CEO, Dewsbury-White has spent the past 15 years advancing high-quality assessment policy and practice among Michigan educators. Through her leadership, she has built meaningful collaborations with state and national partners to strengthen classroom assessment practices, advance balanced assessment systems, and support educational improvement.

Reflecting on her time with MAC, Dewsbury-White shared, “Growing the organization has been personally and professionally rewarding. It is a fortunate person who gets to pursue important work. Our mission and vision have afforded me the opportunity to contribute to public education using my creativity, entrepreneurial spirit, and deep commitment to education.”

With Lockman’s leadership, the organization is well-positioned to build on its accomplishments, maintain continuity in its partnerships and programs, and advance its mission to support meaningful assessment practices that improve education for Michigan’s students.

About Michigan Assessment Consortium

The Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC) is a professional association of educators who believe quality education depends on accurate, balanced, and meaningful assessment. A nonpartisan and nonprofit organization, the MAC provides leadership and services to advance high-quality balanced assessment practices and systems.

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Kathy Dewsbury-White

Kathy Dewsbury-White, Ph.D., is the founding president and current CEO of the Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC). With more than 25 years of experience in curriculum development, professional learning, and educational leadership, Kathy has dedicated her career to advancing assessment literacy and supporting high-quality assessment policy and practice across Michigan. She is especially proud to have begun her career as an alternative education teacher, serving students in Laingsburg, Haslett, and Bath—experiences that helped shape her perspective on teaching, learning, and the role of assessment in supporting every student. She holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, an M.A. in Reading, and a B.A. in Political Philosophy from Michigan State University. Kathy's thoughtful leadership, collaborative spirit, and commitment to continuous learning have helped shape MAC's work and strengthen its network of educators and partners. Outside of work, she enjoys cooking, reading, and connecting with family and friends.

Lisa Lockman

Lisa Lockman, Ph.D., will become the next CEO of the Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC), bringing more than 30 years of experience in Michigan's K–12 education system. As Director of Operations and Grant Management at MAISA, Lisa led statewide initiatives, oversaw major grant funding, and built partnerships supporting more than 250 intermediate school district superintendents and administrators. A member of the MAC Board since 2010, she has served as Board President and contributed to MAC's professional learning initiatives and efforts to advance assessment literacy. Lisa's leadership is grounded in collaboration, equity, and continuous improvement. She holds a Ph.D. in educational leadership from Western Michigan University, a master's degree in educational technology and instructional design from Michigan State University, and a bachelor's degree in education from Western Michigan University. Lisa also enjoys spending time with family, skiing, swimming, and volunteering with Northern Michigan Equine Therapy.