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**Education:** Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction; M.A. in Reading Instruction, both from Michigan State University.

**Biography:** Kathy oversees the operation of the MAC organization (staff and board), including the development of programs, services, and resources directed to advance the MAC mission and vision. She has served in this capacity since co-founding the organization in 2008. Her early years in a 40-year career in public education included teaching and program administration (ABE and High School Completion) as well as teaching 400- and 800-level coursework at Michigan State University while earning her M.A. and Ph.D. Her 25 years working for an ESA/ISD were focused on curriculum development with responsibility for the professional learning necessary to support the resulting implementation of curriculum, instruction, and assessment and culminating with the development and launch of a nationally recognized early college program.

**A Bit of Assessment Advice:** *“Early in my career, it became clear that every master teacher I encountered was driven by getting it right, not being right. For me, coming to understand assessment as the means to help the learner understand what they believe, can do, and know in pursuit of becoming a capable learner center all of the actions of the master teacher. This is complicated and deep work, our advances in cognitive science about how we learn and then what the implications for how we assess continue to evolve, it's also exciting work and built for people who are committed to getting their practice right for kids.”*