



Welcome to the November Fall Summit
“The Power of Assessment Data as a Catalyst for Opportunity”
November 9, 2026
Courtyard Marriott, Jefferson City, Missouri

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Welcome & Introductions

9:15 a.m. -10:15 a.m. **Keynote: Inspiring Change: Turning Possibility into Practice**

Gary Miller, Associate Vice President of Content and Implementation for Curriculum Associates

This keynote presentation challenges educators to shift their mindset from merely managing change to actively driving meaningful innovation in their schools. It emphasizes leveraging assessment data not for basic accountability, but as an actionable roadmap to deliver targeted student support and measure growth. Participants will leave equipped with practical strategies, evidence-based decision-making skills, and the clarity needed to create lasting educational impact.

10:15 a.m. -10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **DESE Speaker:** All things Assessment in Missouri
Shaun Bates, Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator
|Office of Quality Schools DESE

Join Shaun Bates, Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator for the Office of Quality Schools at DESE, for a comprehensive overview of Missouri's statewide assessment landscape. This session provides critical updates on state assessment initiatives, policy developments, and strategic priorities affecting schools across the state. Participants will gain clear guidance on navigating state requirements and effectively using assessment data to inform instruction and foster student success. Attendees will leave equipped with practical takeaways and actionable insights to align district practices with state standards.



11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch

12:30 p.m.– 2:00 p.m.

MOREnet: Using A.I. to create assessments hands on
Bob Martin, Tech Integration Specialist, MOREnet

In this hands-on session, participants will explore how to leverage artificial intelligence to design high-quality formative and summative assessments. Educators will gain direct practice using AI tools to craft evaluation tasks directly aligned with state standards and targeted learning objectives. Through guided exercises, attendees will learn effective prompting strategies to create balanced, differentiated assignments that meet diverse student needs. Participants will leave equipped with ready-to-use assessment materials and practical workflows to streamline their instructional planning. Please bring standards, DOK levels, and lesson planning templates for reference.

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Break

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Roundtables: How is your district utilizing benchmark assessment data?

In this interactive roundtable session, educators will break into targeted discussion groups organized by specific benchmark assessment platforms. Participants will collaborate with peers using the same tool to share district practices, data-driven instructional strategies, and common implementation challenges. Attendees will gain actionable insights and practical ideas from neighboring districts to maximize the impact of their benchmark data.

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Closing: Action plan and Next Steps
Dr. Mollie Bolton