

## Formative Assessment for Michigan Educators (FAME) Research and Development Activities

The MAC's FAME Research and Development Team (FAME R&D) carries out three types of work in support of the FAME program.

### Research Studies

The FAME R&D Team is currently conducting several research studies. These include:

- Study the districtwide implementation of the FAME professional learning program in several school districts;
- Increase Coach use of coaching skills while assisting individual FAME Learning Team members to improve their use of the formative assessment process;
- Create a resource that describes the planning practices within the formative assessment process ;
- Understand student agency and how educators can promote this among the students they work with;
- Examine the ways in which FAME Learning Teams study and learn to use formative assessment practices; and
- Describe how long-term FAME teams work on use of the formative assessment process for three or more years.

### Resource Development

The FAME R&D Team creates new resources for use by FAME Coaches and Learning Team members. Current work includes:

- Completing a resource on planning in formative assessment, and another guide on student self-assessment;
- Undertaking new going-deeper guides on planning as defined in the FAME program, as well as on promoting student agency;
- Developing guides for the use of formative assessment in disciplines such as the social studies in order to demonstrate how disciplinary knowledge and formative assessment practice build on and support one another;
- Summarize the steps educators typically go through to learn to effectively use formative assessment practices at the district, school, and classroom levels; and
- Develop new case studies on effective formative assessment learning by various types of FAME teams.

### Professional Learning

The FAME R&D team creates professional learning resources and strategies for use in the FAME program to enhance its efforts. This year the team is:

- Creating learning resources for use by FAME Leads, Coaches, and Learning Team members to advance their understanding of formative assessment process.