



# Teacher Leadership Initiative

- Are you ready to **take hold of your career**, learning to lead in matters of practice and policy?
- Do you ever find yourself thinking, “**If more teachers were leading, then...**”—and wishing you were one of those teachers?
- Are you eager to **make a difference beyond your classroom**—but not sure where to begin?

**Who?** Through the **Teacher Leadership Initiative (TLI)**, MEA-MFT and the National Education Association (NEA) is partnering with the Center for Teaching Quality (CTQ) and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (National Board) to support teachers across the nation in advancing as leaders in the profession. TLI is designed for **teachers—like you—who want to expand your impact** by building your knowledge and skills and then activating your leadership through a culminating capstone experience.

**What?** You will engage with other TLI participants through an interactive curriculum designed and facilitated by other expert teachers. All participants will begin by identifying on your passions, strengths, and interests as teacher leaders through the **Innovative Teacher Leadership** curriculum. You will then delve deeply into one of three primary areas of leadership: **(1) Instructional Leadership, (2) Education Policy Leadership, or (3) Union Leadership**. The experience will culminate in a Capstone project that will be related to one of these three areas. Background readings and reflective activities will provide the foundation for these curricula.

**When, Where, and How?** This learning will take place primarily on a virtual platform through **discussion threads, webinars, and videoconferences** (approximately two to three virtual meetings per month). You must not be a tech expert to participate; however, a basic comfort level with technology and willingness to learn is key. A minimum of three **face-to-face meetings** with other members of the Montana cohort will also be scheduled throughout the 2016-17 school year. These will **not be traditional “sit-and-get” workshops**.

**Why?** Once you have successfully completed TLI, you will be on the path to using your leadership experiences to help advance student learning, strengthen the teaching profession, and provide vision and direction to the association through **your capstone project**. In addition, the partners will develop systems to support your ongoing professional growth in instructional, policy, and association leadership.

## Interested in joining the 2016-17 Montana TLI Cohort?

[Sign up here.](#) A formal, online application process will be available later this summer.

CTQ, NBPTS, and NEA are proud to offer this growth opportunity through NEA local and state affiliates. We look forward to providing the MEA-MFT cohort with unique preparation for leadership roles. For more information, please contact Jami Wood at MEA-MFT, [jwood@mea-mft.org](mailto:jwood@mea-mft.org) or 406-442-4250.

Participants will receive OPI renewal units.

### *The TLI Experience*

