

Mark Your Calendars for the Fall OEAA Conferences!

As was the case last year, all the programs housed within the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) will hold joint, two-day conferences across the state in November and December. Holding the conferences jointly was successful last year because it allowed people who were both MEAP and MI-Access Coordinators to attend all sessions in one location. The combined conferences also enabled the OEAA to address those issues of accountability and participation that increasingly cut across all state assessment programs.

The first day of each conference will be devoted primarily to the MEAP, the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA), the Michigan Merit Exam (MME), and accountability (including Adequate Yearly Progress and Education YES! school performance indicators). The second day will be dedicated to issues related to state assessment for students with disabilities, which includes MI-Access, MEAP, and ELPA. Attendees may sign up for one or both days of a

Fall 2006 OEAA Conferences	
Dates	Locations
November 28 & 29	Marquette – Northern Michigan University
November 30 & December 1	Grayling – Holiday Inn
December 4 & 5	Grand Rapids – Crowne Plaza on 28 th Street
December 7 & 8	Novi – Sheraton Detroit Novi
December 11 & 12	Lansing – Lansing Center

particular conference, depending on their roles and interests. Below is the conference schedule.

On the second day of the conference, session topics will include updates on the operational assessments; updates on the MI-Access assessments under development (including science, Participation and Supported Independence English language arts and mathematics, and Modified Full Independence); understanding and using assessment results (including progress scores); students with disabilities and the Michigan Merit Examination; accommodations; and No Child Left Behind/Education YES!. Each of these topics, and numerous others, were identified as being of great interest to educators and will provide participants with valuable information that can be used in school improvement efforts and for improving student performance on and participation in state assessment.