

Dear GMWP Friend,

Last winter the Greater Madison Writing Project launched something new called the **Saturday Seminar Series**. Hosted by Stoughton in January, Milton in February, and Beloit in March, teachers from the Rock County area gathered one Saturday a month for a write-in and two teacher workshops. The interactive workshops were facilitated by GMWP fellows on topics such as engagement, the writing process, assessment, feedback, and grading, technology, project based learning, teachers as writers, and reflection. Feedback from the first series indicated it was a **huge success!** Intent on encouraging teachers and improving student writing, teachers left feeling inspired and rejuvenated.

Our next step? We want to expand and offer an **additional** series in the fall, this time in the Madison area, and we are looking for districts willing to host **one** of the fall dates. ***We are specifically seeking you out because of your support of the GMWP and your ongoing commitment to professional development.***

The purpose of the Saturday Seminar Series is to...

- provide educators in area districts with research-based best practice writing strategies to take and use immediately in the classroom,
- encourage and promote teacher reflection and inquiry within their personal teaching practices, and
- offer a series of high quality writing professional development opportunities and topics for area school districts to improve literacy outcomes.

The fall dates include...

- October 7, 2017 **OR** October 14, 2017
- November 4, 2017 **OR** November 11, 2017
- December 2, 2017

The ***Saturday Seminar Agenda*** will include...

- 8:30 - 8:45 Morning Overview & Write-in
- 8:50 - 10:20 Teacher Workshop 1
- 10:20 - 10:30 Break
- 10:30 - 12:00 Teacher Workshop 2 & Write-out

A district's commitment to host means providing...

- 2-3 tables in the entrance area where participants can sign in and pick up name tags and handouts,
- a large group meeting space with tables and chairs for approximately _____ people,
- 4 additional rooms for breakout sessions, and
- internet/wifi access for presenters and participants.

In return, host districts will pay a nominal fee of \$ ____ for *each* staff member in attendance.

A flyer is attached so you can share this amazing opportunity with colleagues and start the new school year off *write!* Please reach out to any one of us if you have questions, thoughts, and/or concerns. Best wishes for a fabulous start to the school year!

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