

Dear GMWP Friend,

The Greater Madison Writing Project is continuing to grow. Our next iteration is a professional development opportunity called the Saturday Seminar Series.

**Our purpose 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,
- offer a series of high quality writing professional development opportunities and topics for area school districts to improve literacy outcomes.

In order to make these professional development opportunities a success, we need your help!

The series will consist of three Saturday mornings (Jan. 7th in Stoughton, Feb. 4th in Milton, and March 4th in Beloit) from 9:00-12:00. Participants will come together for a write-in, then select two workshops to attend. We're seeking GMWP fellows to facilitate 75-minute interactive workshops on topics that will help teachers encourage and improve student writing. Topics may include but are not limited to:

- engagement,
- the writing process,
- assessment, feedback, and grading,
- technology,
- project based learning,
- teachers as writers, and
- reflection.

Stoughton, Milton, and Beloit have agreed to host these professional development opportunities. We feel these are prime locations for this Saturday Seminar Series - they are located in an area where we have had limited participation (but significant interest), and the sites are close enough for rural staff in the surrounding areas to attend multiple seminars if interested.

***We are specifically seeking you out because we know the good work you have done, and we are excited to have you share that work (or something new) with other educators.*** Please complete this brief [google form](#) if you would be interested and available to be a presenter at one or more of these sessions.

Please reach out to any one of us if you have questions, thoughts, and/or concerns. We hope you'll join us for this next step in GMWP's world takeover plan (insert maniacal laugh!!!!).

We hope you have had a great start to the school year!

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