

Report from COATT (The Consortium for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching with Technology) for DARTEP, Dec. 2, 2017

Several members of COATT met on Friday, October 28th, 2016, on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.

Our primary agenda topic was to explore the possibility of revising the standards for the Educational Technology (NP) endorsement. The rationale behind this topic was based on the primary fact that these standards, adopted in 2008, have become outdated as a result of the tremendous and rapid changes occurring in the field of educational technology and online learning.

In addition, very few teachers have the endorsement (approximately 0.04%) largely because it is not a teachable endorsement and offers no *bona fide* pathway to be able to do any additional functions in a K-12 setting.

The committee discussed possible roles for the NP endorsement including transforming the NP endorsement as an online teaching credential and using it as a "required qualification" for technology coach/leader positions within K-12 districts. Both roles face logistical hurdles and rather than move forward with picking one or the other the committee determined that the next step would be to gauge needs from K-12 leaders. Moving forward, COATT is finishing the process of developing a survey to be administered to superintendents across the state to get their input on how such an endorsement could serve districts.

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