Mentored Professional Learning

*Public Schools of Brookline*

Mentored Professional Learning (MPL) is a program that Brookline created to help PK-12 teachers fulfill their requirement of “fifty hours of mentored professional learning beyond the induction year” in order to attain a professional license.1

Teachers in Brookline should participate in this two-year program sometime before their fifth year of teaching under their initial license. Many teachers begin the program during the summer after their first year in Brookline. By participating in this program, participants deepen their content knowledge, expand their pedagogical repertoire and strengthen their reflective abilities, all while building strong collaborative relationships with other teachers.

The MPL program matches an experienced educator with a small group of teachers working to attain their professional license. The experienced educator serves as a mentor, advisor, and coach whose primary responsibility is to help the group build a community of reflective practitioners with explicit goals to develop collaborative relationships and make teaching practice more public. In general the program is build on the premise that beginning teachers, as adults, know themselves as learners and are motivated to engage in learning that improves their own practice, others’ practice, and student learning outcomes.

# Target Audience:

PK-12 teachers who have completed their first-year mentoring experience and are working to attain their professional license.

# Meeting Expectations:

**Summer Kick-Off Workshop August 22nd and 23rd 2016. | 8:30-3:30 Brookline Town Hall**

**Monthly 2-Hour Meetings during the school year** with critical friends group and coach

-Meetings typically occur on Thursday afternoons at a location determined by the group

-These meetings continue with the same group and coach for 2 consecutive years

-Consistent attendance is critical for group success and to fulfill the 50-hour requirement

If you have questions about the program itself or whether this is program is appropriate for you please contact Director of Professional Development Gabriel McCormick at gabe\_mccormick@brookline.k12.ma.us

## 1 See 603 CMR 7.04 2 (c) 4

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