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Introduction:

MAASE is a statewide professional organization of over 640 members affiliated with the National Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) and the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). MAASE members are dedicated to the enhancement of the worth, dignity, potential, and uniqueness of each individual in society. Its mission is to provide leadership for the development and implementation of quality programs and services for students with disabilities within the total education community.

The Strategic Priorities of MAASE (*with examples*) are to provide...

- **Technical Assistance**
 - Web-based resources and links
 - Membership newsletters and alerts
 - Bi-monthly membership meetings with targeted information sharing
 - Ongoing MDE communication and updates
- **Professional Learning**
 - Summer Institute Conference (August - up to 600 participants)
 - Developing Leaders
 - 10+ annual professional learning workshops
 - Community of Practice (CoP) meetings, committee meetings, and conferences
- **Networking**
 - Communities of Practice
 - Committees
 - Social Events (e.g., Annual Golf Outing, Ride Old Mission Peninsula ROMP Bike Tours)
 - Fundraising activities and charity events
- **Political Action**
 - Finance & Legislation Committee activities
 - Membership alerts urging action
 - MASA/MAISA Legislative Action Committee links
 - Legislative Action Committee & work groups
 - MAASE legislative platform and position statements
 - Collaboration with state and national partners
- **Promote Educational Innovation**
 - Annual MAASE Mini-Grant program for innovative classroom instruction
 - MAASE Spotlight and luncheon presentations
 - Special Project Groups (e.g., ASD Programs & Services Implementation)
- **Communication and Collaboration**
 - Ongoing collaboration with other school leadership associations
 - Membership newsletters and alerts
 - Bi-monthly membership meetings with targeted information sharing
 - Seats on various statewide committees [e.g., MDE Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), Division of Accountability Services Advisory Committee, Early On Coalition, and more]