















1. How many MPAAA workshops or conferences have you been to in the past?

		Response Percent	Response Count
None		2.6%	7
less than 10		52.6%	141
10 or more		44.8%	120
answered question			268
skipped question			0

2. What was the last session you attended?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Fall conference 2011		67.3%	179
Spring Conference 2011		18.8%	50
TSDL workshop 2011		5.3%	14
Earlier than last spring		8.3%	22
Haven't attended one yet		0.4%	1
answered question			266
skipped question			2

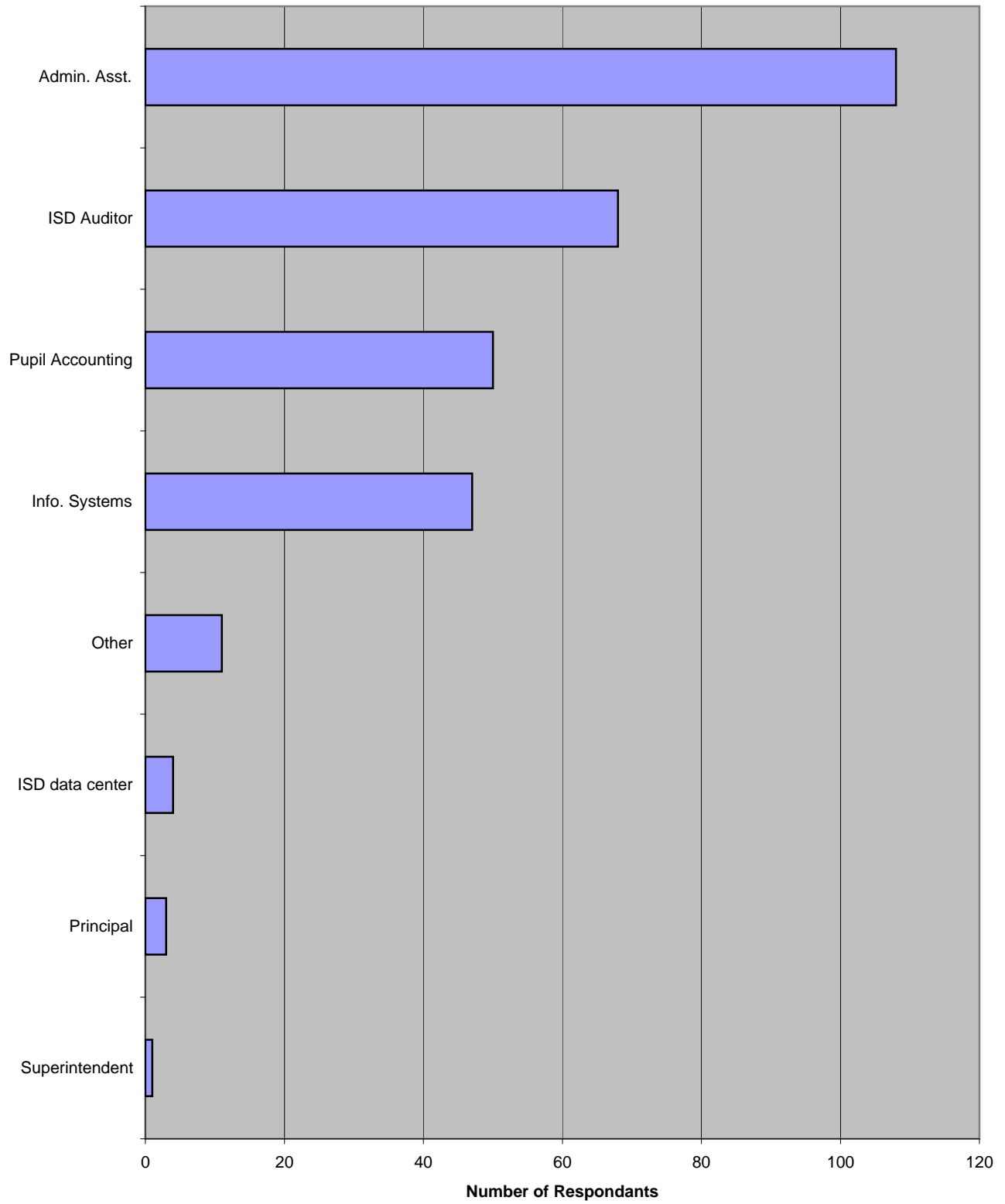
3. How would you describe the part of your job duties that bring you to MPAAA sessions?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Admin. Assistant		40.3%	108
Information Systems		17.5%	47
Principal		1.1%	3
Superintendent		0.4%	1
ISD Auditor		15.3%	41
Other...		25.4%	68
		answered question	268
		skipped question	0







4. You answered 'Other' in the last question. Please give a brief summary of the job functions you have that bring you to MPAAA.

	Response Count
	77
answered question	77
skipped question	191

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5. Some folks have asked that the Fall conference be moved back to mid - late August, to avoid the start of school. We've hesitated to do that in the past because some staff don't work in the summer, and some people don't even know they've gotten P.A. responsibilities added to their jobs until the beginning of the school year. Please pick the statement that best represents your situation.

		Response Percent	Response Count
2nd week in September works best for me.		13.1%	35
Count date is moved later, so let's move the date to the 3rd week.		15.7%	42
I work all year round, so mid - late August works for me.		56.9%	152
I have summers off, but would still want it moved to August.		7.1%	19
I can't usually attend at anytime during that window.		2.2%	6
Other...		4.9%	13
		answered question	267
		skipped question	1








6. You answered 'Other' in the last question. When would it be best for you to attend the fall conference?

	Response Count
	18
answered question	18
skipped question	250






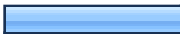

Page 4, Q6. You answered 'Other' in the last question. When would it be best for you to attend the fall conference?

1	Don't attend fall, get updates from ISD	Nov 4, 2011 4:02 AM
2	I usually don't attend the Fall conference anyway.	Nov 4, 2011 3:50 AM
3	August could impact our local PD, 4th week in Sept would work much better. Also a 1 day would work better as well.	Nov 3, 2011 4:48 AM
4	Early August	Nov 2, 2011 8:31 AM
5	My job position has changed this fall. Will not be attending.	Nov 1, 2011 5:53 PM
6	The last week in August prior to Labor works the best for me.	Nov 1, 2011 8:02 AM
7	Any time is fine.	Nov 1, 2011 7:53 AM
8	I am flexible, so moving the conference or not moving it makes no difference to me.	Nov 1, 2011 7:35 AM
9	Any of those times could work	Nov 1, 2011 6:41 AM
10	Keep the date the same but put it as a webinar or something online.	Nov 1, 2011 6:39 AM
11	Another person in our district attends the September Conference because it is mainly a general session format.	Nov 1, 2011 6:39 AM
12	I am year round so any time	Nov 1, 2011 6:34 AM
13	I didn't choose 'other'	Nov 1, 2011 6:12 AM
14	I like right where it is.	Nov 1, 2011 6:09 AM
15	I haven't attended in the Fall	Nov 1, 2011 6:07 AM
16	I think the 2 or 3rd week of Sept would work since the count day is later.	Nov 1, 2011 6:07 AM
17	I don't generally attend the fall conference - it's generally more auditing info than attendance issues.	Nov 1, 2011 6:02 AM
18	I answered that I can't attend in August - too busy	Nov 1, 2011 5:52 AM






7. Continuing on with the fall conference, what type of sessions would you like to see MORE of (check all that apply):

		Response Percent	Response Count
The current mix of sessions works well		20.9%	53
Break out sessions that deal with specific topics		65.2%	165
General sessions that are of interest to everyone		27.7%	70
Tutorial sessions designed to train on specific functions		54.2%	137
Discussion sessions where questions can be discussed		32.4%	82
Panel Q & A session		19.0%	48
Vendor specific sessions		18.6%	47
answered question			253
skipped question			15

8. What type of session would you like to see LESS of (all that apply):

		Response Percent	Response Count
The current mix of sessions works well		19.4%	41
Break out sessions that deal with specific topics		1.4%	3
General sessions that are of interest to everyone		19.0%	40
Tutorial sessions designed to train on specific functions		5.7%	12
Discussion sessions where questions can be discussed		11.4%	24
Panel Q & A session		26.1%	55
Vendor specific sessions		44.1%	93
		answered question	211
		skipped question	57

9. The fall conference is currently 2 days. In your opinion, that should be:

		Response Percent	Response Count
shortened to 1 day even if it means missing some topics.		13.5%	34
Try to compress it where you can, perhaps to 1&1/2 days.		25.9%	65
2 days seems about right.		46.2%	116
A 3rd day is really needed to cover the materials.		4.0%	10
No opinion.		10.4%	26
answered question			251
skipped question			17

10. Is there anything else we can do to make the content of the fall conference serve your needs better.

	Response Count
	94
answered question	94
skipped question	174

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1	The 2011 Fall Conference seemed redundant at times and could have filled one day nicely.	Nov 9, 2011 10:02 AM
2	Try to offer specific topic break out sessions more than once so there can be more opportunity to attend.	Nov 8, 2011 7:21 AM
3	I think the best thing would be to move the conference up to mid-late August. I am from a large district and the current time is too late into the school year for me.	Nov 7, 2011 10:36 AM
4	Two days is a good length of time - IF the time is well spent. This last conference in Kalamazoo was almost a total waste of time. Budgets are too tight and time is too precious to waste. Some of your presenters are not qualified, even though they mean well, and there was too many sessions for general questions and discussion. Some is good - but we wasted a lot of time. Do NOT have it in Kalamazoo. Far too difficult to drive to and Traverse is a much better location. I hope that was the last one.	Nov 7, 2011 8:21 AM
5	Would like to see it more centrally located.	Nov 4, 2011 11:28 AM
6	Personally I would like the conference changed to mid-August. Perhaps that would allow more time for planning presentations for Fall Conference.	Nov 3, 2011 5:16 PM
7	There is always valuable information that I pick up at the conferences. This last conference I felt overwhelmed and mentally exhausted. Can we add some more fun to off-set the burden of the tasks? I liked the skit a few years ago - we could have a key-note speaker or someone to make us laugh like Liz Curtis Higgs.	Nov 3, 2011 6:10 AM
8	1 day of focused content and it could still cover all the topics. The sessions were each too long,	Nov 3, 2011 4:50 AM
9	When there are group discussions and questions and answer periods, so many of the questions do not pertain to every school. Maybe it would be better to break those groups into large or small schools, auditors and/or pupil accounting, building personnel, etc. I'm not sure what would work, but so much time is spent listening to questions and topics in those sessions that do not pertain to us.	Nov 3, 2011 2:57 AM
10	I enjoy the Q&A sessions until they get to a point where people are complaining or asking very specific questions. I'd like to see those sessions have a moderator so the topics flow along & don't stagnate on a specific topic to the point of boredom.	Nov 2, 2011 1:11 PM
11	Either shorten the breakout sessions to offer more or compress the conference. 3 hour breakouts were too long and most did not have enough information to last the 3 hours.	Nov 2, 2011 10:22 AM
12	I am a newbie and I would like to see possibly having a mentor who would work through the conference with you so that if you have any questions as the presenter gives their material you could ask so you have a better understanding in Pupil Accounting terms.	Nov 2, 2011 7:22 AM
13	I have never attended a fall session because I'm involved in our Financial Audit at that time.	Nov 2, 2011 5:07 AM

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14	A pupil auditor strand that can be developed by and for pupil auditors. Even if this could be for 1 of the two days it would be better.	Nov 2, 2011 4:51 AM
15	I don't understand why the conference in the UP was different than the one offered in the LP. According to the agenda there was more offered in the LP - why? isn't that information just as important to the UP people?	Nov 2, 2011 4:47 AM
16	Not trying to be mean, but new presenters would be great. I did not go this past fall because I didn't see the value for my district with the information I would receive. Many of the sessions were exact repeats from the spring conference.	Nov 2, 2011 4:00 AM
17	Would like the panel in the morning - not the afternoon	Nov 1, 2011 12:56 PM
18	I didn't make it to the fall conference. The spring conference seemed well rounded.	Nov 1, 2011 11:26 AM
19	I would like to see questions submitted before/during the conference and touched on during that particular session. Right now there are too many questions that hold up the days progress	Nov 1, 2011 10:32 AM
20	Only changes that have happened since spring should be discussed. Make it a long day 8-4 with a 1 hour lunch break, don't need to be as specific with this fall conf as in the spring. Only changes need to be taken up.	Nov 1, 2011 9:59 AM
21	It seems to make more sense to have the Fall conference more intense because the FALL count is more weight in terms of money. Also the Spring conference attendees may not be the same people actually doing the count the next fall. Furthermore, the retention of information may not carry until the fall either.	Nov 1, 2011 9:45 AM
22	Fall is just a rough time. Count day, MSDS, what happened to 3WIN?	Nov 1, 2011 9:27 AM
23	don't have them on Monday's which is Board night (unless it is the 1st or 3rd Monday) Tuesdays/Wednesdays are good	Nov 1, 2011 9:00 AM
24	I like question/answer sessions, but only when they are specific, and kept on task. Sometimes the questions get a little out there.	Nov 1, 2011 8:53 AM
25	Provide us with a list of ALL reporting deadlines. Or, have someone research out all deadlines and send them to us a month in advance. Something that we could rely on on a regular basis. Monthly would be good for me.	Nov 1, 2011 8:27 AM
26	We need training and "how to's" not just overview information--though that is necessary too.	Nov 1, 2011 8:14 AM
27	TURN ON THE INTERNET...Also,, no suprise guest speakers on the State Agency panel - with the shortened time frame, I would have liked to have that as an option. Pretty much day 2 was not effective use of time.	Nov 1, 2011 8:14 AM
28	Eliminate the Data Quality session - complete waste of time and poorly presented.	Nov 1, 2011 8:05 AM
29	I would like to be able to be in both the Pupil accounting session to hear how the forms are to be filled out and the Auditing session to see what I am supposed to be checking on the forms.	Nov 1, 2011 8:05 AM

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30	I would appreciate more sessions like there are at the spring conference. If there isn't enough material to fill up the time, please shorten the conference. The most recent conference had so much empty space---much time and money was wasted.	Nov 1, 2011 7:59 AM
31	It seems that more sessions should be designed just for auditors to improve statewide consistency and more should be presented just for the people in the buildings who prepare materials to be audited and who deal with the auditors in the field.	Nov 1, 2011 7:57 AM
32	Have all sessions that would be valuable to veterans on one day and allow for a one day registration for veterans.	Nov 1, 2011 7:48 AM
33	Make it more specific to pupil accounting. It seemed very general this fall.	Nov 1, 2011 7:36 AM
34	The location isn't the greatest but the Grand Traverse was pretty expensive. Perhaps this is the best of several options.	Nov 1, 2011 7:26 AM
35	I am unable to attend the Fall conference since it was moved to Kalamazoo. Driving distance is too far. Because it was moved, I can only attend one per year now and choose to attend Spring.	Nov 1, 2011 7:21 AM
36	The round table didn't work as far as I was concerned. If you want that concept you need various tables to go to with different topics. As a whole group together it was not so useful. The presenters were put on the spot to answer questions they were not comfortable with. I understand they didn't want to be quoted but then as far as I'm concerned the information wasn't useful. Set sessions, have specific speakers, have a panel if you want.	Nov 1, 2011 7:18 AM
37	More topics around pupil accounting and special education	Nov 1, 2011 7:15 AM
38	Break out sessions, dealing with a person's specific role, are EXTREMELY helpful. Is it possible to design the conference with that in mind? Being able to sit in on a "round-table" type session, where we can converse back and forth, and get questions answered, would definitely make the conference worth attending.	Nov 1, 2011 7:15 AM
39	More centrally located in Michigan	Nov 1, 2011 7:07 AM
40	Make the location closer and not so far away!	Nov 1, 2011 7:01 AM
41	The Fall Conference had some sessions that were 3 hours. I think 3 hours is a long time.	Nov 1, 2011 6:58 AM
42	Try to add more sessions from MSBO that are towards our certification track. ie. Wrap Up Session	Nov 1, 2011 6:49 AM
43	Not having highschool stuff mixed in with K-8 would be nice because most of the staff in K-8 do not work with highschool.	Nov 1, 2011 6:46 AM
44	Less questions that are asked over and over and over again on the same subject.	Nov 1, 2011 6:46 AM
45	I just want to state why I believe third week in August would work well - we could prepare all of our forms and get information out to the locals for the start of the	Nov 1, 2011 6:46 AM

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	<p>school year just in case there are changes. THOUGH if there is more chance to have better legislative info in September then perhaps it should stay then. Regardless, I want to thank EVERYONE for all of the work that goes into the conference! You all are doing a great job!</p>	
46	<p>Offer more certification classes. I'm trying to obtain certification as a PAS. I can't attend both MPAAA conferences (fall and spring) in order to obtain that goal. Wish there were more certification classes made available throughout the school year or through the web.</p>	Nov 1, 2011 6:45 AM
47	<p>Time is very valuable in the Fall. It is hard to get away because we are so busy, so we just need the information that is new and pertaining to the upcoming school year. The break out sessions are better in the Spring.</p>	Nov 1, 2011 6:45 AM
48	<p>What about doing some type of hands on training sessions at night. GAD was due shortly after this Fall conference. What about doing a GAD session where people can work on their GAD and also ask questions as they are working on it?</p>	Nov 1, 2011 6:44 AM
49	<p>Moving to August would be better - less conflict with start of school.</p>	Nov 1, 2011 6:41 AM
50	<p>The content is great. But with the current financial situation, staff can not afford to go. Online seems so practical.</p>	Nov 1, 2011 6:41 AM
51	<p>I don't have a "better" suggestion.</p>	Nov 1, 2011 6:37 AM
52	<p>#1 - MDE is the bottom-line for pupil accounting rules. In the veteran auditor's session I would prefer MDE personnel lead that session to discuss their concerns, our auditor concerns, and to give direction. Currently with other auditors leading the session, while they have done a nice job, they are not the final word. I feel as if I have to take so much in that session as their opinion versus the way MDE wants it. #2 - General sessions are good, however, they are not relevant for everyone. I would be careful about the general session content.</p>	Nov 1, 2011 6:36 AM
53	<p>It would be great with all the roles and responsibilities changing to offer training session. Homeless Liaison training would be great since a lot of us have picked up that responsibility.</p>	Nov 1, 2011 6:34 AM
54	<p>Low Carb meals Turn the heat up in the conference rooms.</p>	Nov 1, 2011 6:33 AM
55	<p>Have the State panel earlier in the conference.</p>	Nov 1, 2011 6:32 AM
56	<p>please please please more centrally located... Kzoo is way to southwest when you are northeast... if you go west don't go south, if you go south don't go west!</p>	Nov 1, 2011 6:31 AM
57	<p>better explanation of the actual sessions enabling us to attend those most beneficial to us - eg. I went to the session on Increasing your FTE; although very interesting I thought it was geared more to administrators. I had thought it was going to be more on the actual reporting of FTEs.</p>	Nov 1, 2011 6:26 AM
58	<p>I think it's great... I'll attend when ever they are- too important to miss!!</p>	Nov 1, 2011 6:25 AM
59	<p>To explain the steps of new reports. After talking to people at the conference they felt they were in the dark about MSDS, what exactly they need to be looking</p>	Nov 1, 2011 6:25 AM

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	for, the steps that need to need happen to complete a report. If there is a class just to go over the steps of different reports that are being used in MSDS and not have to go to the new to pupil accounting session.	
60	Questions should be left for the end, too many people ask district specific questions that do not pertain to many others and it gets the sessions off topic.	Nov 1, 2011 6:21 AM
61	More MSBO certification classes that are only offered by MSBO. Districts can't afford to send people to multiple conferences as in years past.	Nov 1, 2011 6:17 AM
62	Please, please, please change the legal presentation at the Spring conference. I have seen the same one for many, many years.	Nov 1, 2011 6:17 AM
63	If conf is left in September then 1 day is preferred. If moved to August, before school starts then 3 days would be ideal.	Nov 1, 2011 6:16 AM
64	Longer day. Because of the expense I would like to cram as much as possible into the day. I work a 8-9 hour day, but at a conference I only get about 5-6 hours of "real work time". Start the sessions at 8:00 and go until 5:00.	Nov 1, 2011 6:16 AM
65	not at this time	Nov 1, 2011 6:14 AM
66	We have Board meetings the second Monday of the month - try to have the conference mid-week.	Nov 1, 2011 6:12 AM
67	Line-up breakout sessions throughout conference so they're geared towards responsibilities of the pupil accountant vs. state reporting/CEPI/MSDS/systems vs. school bldg administrator/TSDL/attendance. Also, it would be helpful to view the agenda prior to conference registration. For the Fall Conference, based upon the offering, the person responsible for state reporting should have attended instead of the pupil accountant in my district. I appreciate Q&A's on website after each conference! Thanks, :)	Nov 1, 2011 6:11 AM
68	Change the venue. The parking situation at the Kalamazoo hotel is not convenient. It's very difficult to haul luggage back and forth if you use the skywalk since there are only stairs and no ramps. There is such a limited amount of space to park if checking in from the street level, that there's never any room. So if you park in the structure you're faced with either drag your luggage through the parking and across the street or take the skywalk, drag your luggage down the stairs and then wait for an elevator to drag your luggage with you to the check in desk.	Nov 1, 2011 6:10 AM
69	Grand Rapids instead of Kalamazoo	Nov 1, 2011 6:08 AM
70	Yes, hold it in Marquette next time.	Nov 1, 2011 6:07 AM
71	more tutorial sessions	Nov 1, 2011 6:05 AM
72	Mix the speakers up as some are just a tad bit boring and those longer ones tend to make it hard to get through after a good lunch. Paying attention to the temperature of the meeting area as well as being frozen the entire time, or too hot, is difficult to focus on the information being presented.	Nov 1, 2011 6:02 AM
73	Make sure speakers are quite clear on their acronyms and on what submission	Nov 1, 2011 5:58 AM

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	is used for what collection. It seems there was quite a huge mix up between Early Roster and and Student Record Maintenance this fall.	
74	Continue to have sessions focused on training new people. I would love to see a session that takes you through the process from start to finish, including what forms to submit, where to find the information, what forms look like etc.	Nov 1, 2011 5:56 AM
75	Add new material, please!! The same presenters present the same material year after year. Maybe more on school law, that one seems to change most frequently and is the most interesting.	Nov 1, 2011 5:54 AM
76	It appeared that the time was being filled with topics that don't pertain to everyone just to extend it to 2 days.	Nov 1, 2011 5:54 AM
77	A more central location. We had sent some employees to the LP conference and a few to the UP conference, paid the same for both conferences yet the UP conference had less information.	Nov 1, 2011 5:54 AM
78	Make sure that conference material is available on the MPAAA site before attending the conference and if not, to put it on there quickly after session.	Nov 1, 2011 5:52 AM
79	To be sure to include all the "new" from CEPI so that districts can do better planning for the school year as far as work loads etc.	Nov 1, 2011 5:51 AM
80	Overall, it is a great conference to attend. Very imformative!	Nov 1, 2011 5:51 AM
81	Maybe start a little earlier in the morning? How about a shorter lunch, with that many people though, don't know if that's possible. This would give more time for the sessions.	Nov 1, 2011 5:51 AM
82	In-depth BAA training in regards to how our MSDS data affects testing and reporting. More on TSDL, how what we report ties in to what is reported in the REP. Maybe expand the umbrella of MPAAA to encompass all school state reporting...include REP, FID, SID. Many of us wear all those hats and it seems all of the data is starting to comingle and flow back and forth across these reports.	Nov 1, 2011 5:51 AM
83	I think it is a great idea to focus on changes for the upcoming fall submission. Sometimes our jobs get so crazy that it is good to hear this information in case you miss an email or notice.	Nov 1, 2011 5:50 AM
84	The best sessions are the ones where the presenter actually does the job that they are talking about. Having a department Manager discuss how best to prepare for the General Count by "assembling your team" is not real world. Few of us have a team any longer. We need comprehensive examples and direction.	Nov 1, 2011 5:50 AM
85	A session geared toward alternative ed.	Nov 1, 2011 5:49 AM
86	More special ed topics would be nice. more information geared towards building secretaries who never come but really do need to attend	Nov 1, 2011 5:49 AM
87	Yes, it seems that when the panel is in the UP the discussions on how they would like to hurry things along so the individuals can get on the road. Let's face it yes this is a long drive for all of you but I feel that the panel/presenters are too	Nov 1, 2011 5:49 AM

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rushed to get on the road and are not fully engaged in the meetings.

88	I think this is a fantastic conference. I think where some people get a bit confused is that Pupil Accounting has rolled into State Reporting and not all Pupil Accountants deal with State Reporting. But they need to remember that it really all ties together. I think we need to share that even though a particular session might cross over and not apply to that individual, they should be listening so that they can bring back vital information to their district for the State Reporting piece. Keep up the good work. I really enjoy these conferences and feel it is a valuable resource to my position.	Nov 1, 2011 5:48 AM
89	Love the Fall conference!!!!	Nov 1, 2011 5:47 AM
90	If the conference was held at the beginning of August. It is too crazy at the end of August.	Nov 1, 2011 5:47 AM
91	Add more of a mix on SEVERAL days that will aid in those of us that are seeking certification. All of the sessions seem to fall in the same time slots making it either impossible to get to the ones we need for certification OR making it impossible to go to the one we REALLY need to do the job better.	Nov 1, 2011 5:46 AM
92	No, MPAAA does a great job on putting this conference together every year.	Nov 1, 2011 5:44 AM
93	Move the conference to a center location	Nov 1, 2011 5:44 AM
94	I personally think the spring and fall conferences are great and worth-while. The fall date is difficult to address. You guys on the board do an EXCELLENT JOB. Thank you so much.	Nov 1, 2011 5:42 AM






11. What type of sessions would you like to see MORE of in the spring conference (check all that apply):

		Response Percent	Response Count
The current mix of sessions works well		36.4%	83
Break out sessions that deal with specific topics		54.4%	124
General sessions that are of interest to everyone		19.3%	44
Tutorial sessions designed to train on specific functions		46.1%	105
Discussion sessions where questions can be discussed		25.4%	58
Panel Q & A session		13.2%	30
Vendor specific sessions		16.2%	37
		answered question	228
		skipped question	40

12. What type of session would you like to see LESS of (all that apply):

		Response Percent	Response Count
The current mix of sessions works well		24.6%	48
Break out sessions that deal with specific topics		3.1%	6
General sessions that are of interest to everyone		15.4%	30
Tutorial sessions designed to train on specific functions		5.6%	11
Discussion sessions where questions can be discussed		9.2%	18
Panel Q & A session		25.6%	50
Vendor specific sessions		41.0%	80
		answered question	195
		skipped question	73

13. The spring conference is currently 2&1/2 days. In your opinion, that should be:

		Response Percent	Response Count
shortened to 2 days even if it means missing some topics.		27.4%	63
Try to compress it where you can, but not at the expense of content.		20.9%	48
2&1/2 days seems about right.		33.5%	77
A full 3rd day is really needed to cover the materials.		7.0%	16
No opinion.		11.3%	26
answered question			230
skipped question			38

14. Is there anything else we can do to make the content of the spring conference serve your needs better.

	Response Count
	54
answered question	54
skipped question	214

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1	I will plan to attend whatever you set up but I ask that you please make sure it is worth being away from the office for that long!	Nov 9, 2011 10:04 AM
2	Offer specific topic breakout sessions more than once. If 2 sessions run at the same time and are not offered again, you have to choose and possibly miss valuable information.	Nov 8, 2011 7:23 AM
3	Good location. But please - do not waste our time. Have good, informative, well-thought out sessions with people who know what they are talking about. TSDL should have been covered last fall and wasn't. I hope it will be in the spring so we know what kind of reports and other data we will be seeing. Also, any other changes that are coming.	Nov 7, 2011 8:23 AM
4	Love having it in Traverse City area. Feel like a safe place to go and tour after conference hours.	Nov 4, 2011 11:29 AM
5	See 12 above.	Nov 3, 2011 5:26 PM
6	I would like to see questions for specific topics pre-submitted and build some sessions specifically tailored with experts that can address those. Release the questions ahead of time and we can get a better idea of whether or not the session will cover the items of value to us. I've gone into many sessions thinking it was about one thing and it never went near my expectations for the topic.	Nov 3, 2011 4:53 AM
7	Compressing the session to only two days would help eliminate an extra night's stay which could save the district's a lot of money overall.	Nov 3, 2011 2:59 AM
8	My district has never allowed me to attend the Spring session. Cost and timing (May is a very busy month) are the reasons I have been told why I cannot attend.	Nov 2, 2011 10:23 AM
9	The last Spring conference I attended was prior to the roll out of MSDS. I felt like I didn't learn anything of value over those two days. The next one I attended was on TSDL and I kind of felt the same way. There were so many unknowns that I came away more confused than anything.	Nov 2, 2011 5:09 AM
10	have not been able to attend this conference due to the cost and timing	Nov 2, 2011 3:09 AM
11	I think it is well rounded...	Nov 1, 2011 11:27 AM
12	May is also a bad time for a conference. Would like to see it in early April.	Nov 1, 2011 10:33 AM
13	Just stay on topic. We are there for a specific reason, to learn about pupil accounting and how we report to the state. Stay on task, too many breaks, make sure that if you wanted to attend every breakout session you could, have them repeated from one day to the next.	Nov 1, 2011 10:02 AM
14	no Mondays due to Board meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month	Nov 1, 2011 9:00 AM
15	Tips for preparing for fall during the summer	Nov 1, 2011 8:21 AM
16	I think we all wish we had instruction on how to do things and not left to frantically try to get answers.	Nov 1, 2011 8:16 AM

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17	TURN ON THE INTERNET... Allow us access to the resources being discussed. Limit the questions/comments from audience to 1 minute - refer to previous answers if question is asked several times in different ways.	Nov 1, 2011 8:14 AM
18	If we could attend as a webinar instead of costing our district all the travel and lodging expense.	Nov 1, 2011 8:10 AM
19	As long as the time is filled with pertinent information, I will invest the time it takes to be there. It has been so very helpful in the past, but this year's Fall conference was a disaster.	Nov 1, 2011 8:08 AM
20	See previous comments for Fall conference	Nov 1, 2011 7:59 AM
21	Strategically place veteran and newcomer sessions at times where they do not conflict with other sessions for the same cohort.	Nov 1, 2011 7:50 AM
22	Offer more of the type of classes needed for PA Specialist.	Nov 1, 2011 7:37 AM
23	I think you folks do a SUPERB job. Just keep us up on the new things (be specific and thorough), ie TSDL for instance. Also maybe a catch-all session with other's best tips and sharing of things that made them say, aaahhhh, that's what I should have done or aaahhh, that's the best way to do this.....	Nov 1, 2011 7:33 AM
24	District is really not willing to pay for the extra lodging for the last 1/2 day. So I don't stay and miss the end.	Nov 1, 2011 7:28 AM
25	I'm not going to spend that kind of time away for the conference. I don't feel that there is enough value for the time when I'm so very busy.	Nov 1, 2011 7:20 AM
26	I am never able to stay for the 3rd day. I would really like to be able to hear the rap up at the end of the conference but can't be out of the office that long. It seems like the end of the second day has a lot repeat information year to year. That session could be shortened. In my opinion the vendor thing isn't worth the time. Having someone that could answer questions regarding the state reporting would be great. Visual presentations on state reporting and how to figure out errors would be very helpful. More information regarding how to report Spec Ed would be appreciated. Round table discussion could be better organized. Again repeat questions get out of hand and take up a lot of time.	Nov 1, 2011 6:53 AM
27	Again, add more MSBO certification track classes.	Nov 1, 2011 6:50 AM
28	Can't attend this session because distance is too far away. Would like location for all conferences more centralized in the State - for instance in Lansing.	Nov 1, 2011 6:47 AM
29	I am never able to stay for the third day of the Spring conference so typically miss out on the Panel, which I find extremely helpful. The general sessions for "everyone" seem to deal more with the local functions and little with the ISD auditors (I don't need to know how they get their info and TSDL has little to do with my auditing as well).	Nov 1, 2011 6:46 AM
30	More hands on	Nov 1, 2011 6:45 AM
31	no	Nov 1, 2011 6:42 AM

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32	Same as fall....online please.	Nov 1, 2011 6:41 AM
33	Can't think of a "better" suggestion.	Nov 1, 2011 6:38 AM
34	T.C. is an ok location... it is west but not south, not like K-zoo which is both west and south	Nov 1, 2011 6:34 AM
35	None	Nov 1, 2011 6:33 AM
36	Again, add the MSBO certification classes that are required yet only offered through the MSBO conference that Districts can no longer afford to send personnel to both.	Nov 1, 2011 6:18 AM
37	Please, please, please change the legal presentation at the Spring conference. I have seen the same one for many, many years.	Nov 1, 2011 6:18 AM
38	Longer Day conference day - 8:00-5:00. Attending is expensive for my district and I want to cram as much as possible into my brain during the conf.	Nov 1, 2011 6:18 AM
39	Not at this time	Nov 1, 2011 6:15 AM
40	Just make the information more specific so it's worth the time and effort it takes to get there and back.	Nov 1, 2011 6:12 AM
41	please make the legal session with lisa optional for those of us who have attended it the last 10 years. 80% of the content is mostly the same and i would prefer to better use my time on topics i need rather than being forced to attend this session	Nov 1, 2011 6:12 AM
42	Always very beneficial!	Nov 1, 2011 6:12 AM
43	additional tutorial sessions and breakouts for those people that are more technical. I would suggest having people send in their Q & A and have them answered and sent out like this time rather than discussion sessions.	Nov 1, 2011 6:11 AM
44	With so many changes happening, a third day is becoming necessary to cover everything.	Nov 1, 2011 6:11 AM
45	Yes, please hold it in Marquette.	Nov 1, 2011 6:10 AM
46	There could be more specific CEPI - MSDS training.	Nov 1, 2011 6:09 AM
47	I learn new things every year - you do a great job already. Thank you.	Nov 1, 2011 6:04 AM
48	Make sure that conference material is on the MPAAA site before the conference for people to take to the conference.	Nov 1, 2011 5:54 AM
49	More training on other areas of reporting REP, FID, SID, etc.	Nov 1, 2011 5:54 AM
50	Cannot comment, never able to attend spring conference due to timing and distance/travel expense.	Nov 1, 2011 5:51 AM
51	more hands on in MSDS - errors what to do with specific errors in submission.	Nov 1, 2011 5:50 AM

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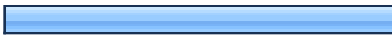



there seem to be a lot of people with the same questions for every submission, cover specific errors that are being talked about on the CEPI listserv

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| 52 | Sometimes the MSDS piece seems a little rushed and Tina/Doris have to fit their information into a short time period. I would like to see their sessions lengthened. They might not enjoy us asking so many questions but their sessions are intense and full of vital information. | Nov 1, 2011 5:50 AM |
| 53 | Add more of a mix on SEVERAL days that will aid in those of us that are seeking certification. All of the sessions seem to fall in the same time slots making it either impossible to get to the ones we need for certification OR making it impossible to go to the one we REALLY need to do the job better. | Nov 1, 2011 5:46 AM |
| 54 | I love the spring conference and stay for the whole thing. It is extremely beneficial. Again, you guys do a great job. | Nov 1, 2011 5:44 AM |



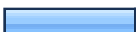

15. The workshops we have had to date have been all 1-day events. Do you feel the length of these sessions has been appropriate?

		Response Percent	Response Count
The length was fine.		70.4%	174
They should have been longer to cover the topics presented in greater depth.		6.1%	15
They were too long, and should have been shorter.		4.5%	11
haven't been to one yet.		19.0%	47
answered question			247
skipped question			21

16. To date, the workshops have been open to anyone wishing to attend, members and non-members alike. How do you feel about this?

		Response Percent	Response Count
It's fine, I like having new attendees get exposure to the Association.		58.8%	144
Offer the session to all, but change non-members a higher rate.		17.1%	42
Offer the workshops to current members only.		2.9%	7
No opinion.		21.2%	52
answered question			245
skipped question			23

17. We are considering a new session for this winter. It would be a hands-on session with limited attendance where we would go through the MSDS system a screen at a time, and provide specific how-to's on topics such as student searches, SRM submissions, and editing the online tables directly. Attendees would be encouraged to bring laptops, and we would work through screens as a group. Would you be interested in this type of session?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, but only in a 1/2 day format or shorter.		17.5%	43
Yes, and a full day of this would be worthwhile.		52.0%	128
I'm not interested in this session.		19.5%	48
It doesn't apply to me, I don't use MSDS		11.0%	27
		answered question	246
		skipped question	22