The audience for this institute is academic leaders (heads of school, principals, curriculum coordinators, or department heads) in schools that are planning to, or are in the process of, adopting a standards-based curriculum. Participants will collaborate with academic leadership peers in examining processes and structures that support schools as they become more standards-based. The week will focus on the change process and will emphasize strategies to best meet the needs of school staffs. Participants will examine standards-based curriculum, instruction, assessment, and school-wide mapping and planning.

The work will be based on the standards developed by Project AERO. These can be viewed at www.projectaero.org.

Workshop participants will:

- Examine the relationship between standards and curriculum
- Review the principles of “backward design”, moving from “starting with the end in mind” to evidence of student learning and designing aligned learning experiences
- Use student data to guide instructional decisions
- Plan the long-term process of standards implementation
- Consider relevant professional development options
- Develop strategies to support faculty in the change process
- Work with protocols for team leadership and collaboration
- Acquaint themselves with the AERO Frameworks in the various subjects
- Expand skills to work with resistant staff
- Clarify the connection between AERO standards, data, and differentiated instruction

Participants may choose to take this course for university credit from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Applications will be available in the spring. For course participants earning university credit, the cost is $390.00. (For participants who are not seeking university credit, there is no charge for the workshop.)

This workshop will be limited to 20 participants. Schools are encouraged to send a team of academic leaders.

Please send, email or fax the completed registration form by March 3, 2017 to:

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