ANNOUNCEMENT for

PRDV 76325: METAA Chief Technology Officer Certificate Online Course

METAA is offering the **METAA Chief Technology Officer Certificate Online Course** through Framingham State University. This rigorous 16-week online course will build an understanding of the essential skills and knowledge in the three primary areas of:

> Leadership & Vision
> Understanding the Educational Environment, and
> Managing Technology & Support Resources

as outlined in the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN) Framework of Essential Skills for the K-12 Chief Technology Officer (CTO).

This course is applicable to prospective technology directors and incumbent technology directors. Although four years as technology director is necessary to be eligible to take the CoSN CETL examination, it is not required for the METAA certificate or to take this course. A Bachelor or Masters degree is highly recommended. (Please note that current DESE Director (generalist) certification requires a Masters degree.)

Coursework consists of readings, activities, online discussion posts, reflections, final essay, and project portfolio. This course addresses the needs of prospective technology directors as well as incumbent technology directors.

Students can expect to work about 5 asynchronous hours per week depending on expertise in the covered skill areas:

Leadership and Vision	Information Technology
Strategic Planning	Management (2 wks)
Ethics and Policies	Communications Systems
Instructional Focus and	Management
Professional Development (2 wks)	Business Management (2 wks),
Team Building and Staffing	and
Stakeholder Focus	Data Management

The advantage of working within this online cohort is the sharing of learning, experience, and expertise in each of the skill areas. Technology directors do not have the same responsibilities in each district and the aim of CoSN and METAA, the national and local chapters representing technology directors, is to ensure that all technology directors are knowledgeable of the ten skill areas given above making possible the inclusion of the technology director on the central management team in each district. Another advantage is that students will earn 3 Framingham State credits.

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will receive the course grade and be considered for the METAA CTO CERTIFICATE through the METAA CTO Course Committee's review of each student's the LiveBinder portfolio and final project. This

review will determine the candidate's eligibility for the METAA CTO Certificate.. This certificate will give employers assurance that they will be hiring or have hired a technology administrator who possesses the vast knowledge and skills necessary to be an effective educational technology leader in the K-12 environment.

Course Dates: **January 9, 2017 through April 30, 2017 (16 weeks)**

Course Cost: **$1500 (non-refundable)**

Location: **Online** (Students will submit work online weekly – expect about 5 hours of work per week. Students will collaborate asynchronously.)

Register: by **December 28, 2016**

Graduate Credits: **3** (through Framingham State University)

Materials: Access to CoSN reference materials for one year
                     LiveBinder account

Course Registration: If interested in more course details, please complete the information requested at the following link by **December 28, 2016**:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FN87FNM

Upon receipt of your interest in this course, further information to complete the application process will be provided.

Any additional questions please contact:
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