

*RPG “gives me an opportunity to interact with colleagues outside of my discipline in a relaxed atmosphere. I gain a greater perspective and feel listened to during each session.”*

-- Karen Coffey, VaPA

RPGs are “*transformational learning communities fiercely committed to educational equity and excellence.*”

-- School Reform Initiative mission statement

*“We never get enough time to talk with our colleagues about teaching, and to get the support we need to reach our full potential as teachers. That’s what this group is about.”*

-- Celia Reaves, Psychology

*RPG “gives an opportunity to really discuss teaching with colleagues in a deep and meaningful way.”*

-- Renee Dimino, Transitional Studies

**We hope you can join us!**

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*You are invited to join a...*

## **Reflective Practice Group!**



A Reflective Practice Group helps you reflect critically about your teaching among friends.



Reflective Practice Groups use the nationally recognized Critical Friends professional development model **established to improve student learning and success by supporting educators reflecting on and improving their practice.**

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RPGs are led by a trained facilitator and use structured protocols to look at:

**curriculum  
teaching dilemmas  
student work  
peer observations  
pivotal moments**

*so that participants can provide each other with specific and actionable feedback.*

## History

In 1994, the Annenberg Institute (at Brown University) charged a group of educators to design professional development that recognized and valued the context of the school, its students, and the strengths of the educators with a focus on improving teaching and increasing student achievement. From there, the Critical Friends model was born.

-- [www.sri.org](http://www.sri.org)

In 2012, MCC's Teaching & Creativity Center offered its first RPG where we examined each other's practice in a supportive and non-evaluative environment.

In 2014, several MCC faculty members participated in facilitator training, so that we could expand our RPGs!

