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Dear Faculty and Supervisors,

You are cordially invited to attend the first session of our MA Speaker Series on **Tuesday, Sept. 22 from 12:00-1:30 p.m.** in Stevenson Lecture Hall Room 150. Brad Olsen graciously agreed to repeat his presentation to our new MA students on the topic, "Developing Your Professional Identity." Last year, many students commented on how this talk came at the perfect time as they had just completed the Summer Bridge and the first month in the school placements. Following Brad's presentation, students will break into small discussion groups to address a couple of broad questions related the theme and our program.

We hope that many faculty members, as well as supervisors can attend to help facilitate and take notes during these small group discussions (about 35-40 minutes). Below are the prompts we used last year, though we may make a few changes (I will notify you ahead of time).

In order to set up the groups in advance (and hopefully create groups of a reasonable size), I would very much appreciate your RSVP if you can attend.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- A. In what ways does the MA/Credential program support your own teacher learning? What are some other ways you hope the program can supportt your learning this year?
- B. What's an overarching question or tension that is guiding your own development as a teacher right now?
- C. "Social justice teaching" tends to mean different things to different people. What are some tenets that all of us in this group can agree belong in any definition of social justice teaching?

Thank you!
Lorie