**Community Connections Project**

**MiT Winter 2013**

As part of the program’s ongoing exploration into issues of sustainability and justice and ways to integrate families and communities into curriculum planning, preparation and instruction, candidates in winter quarter will identify and develop a list of community resources and contacts available in the county (Mason, Pierce, or Thurston) where they will teach in spring quarter. The intent is for candidates in spring quarter to use the list to invite individuals and/or community groups into their classrooms to participate in and support student learning.

**Community Connections 1**

In week three (uploaded on Moodle by 11:55 pm on Thursday, January 24) candidates will complete an annotated bibliography of at least **ten** resources, (focused on either Mason, Pierce, or Thurston county) organization name, address, telephone number, email address, web and social media presence, contact person, and brief description of the organization’s purpose.

**Community Connections 2**

In week seven (uploaded on Moodle by 11:55 pm on Thursday, February 21) candidates will complete written summaries of interviews with contact persons from a minimum of **five** different organizations (at least one interview should be in person).

**Community Connections 3**

In week nine (uploaded on Moodle by 11:55 pm on Thursday, March 7) candidates will complete a detailed written plan for how they intend to integrate community resources into planning, preparation and instruction during spring quarter and will write a reflection about what they learned about identifying and developing community contacts.