

Teaching and Learning Team Update
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Professional Development Sessions in Contracted Districts

- Leanna Ferreira, Carrie Wood, Rick Rawson, and I have been busy in Northmor, Galion, Lucas, and Crestline providing numerous professional development sessions in Mathematics and English Language Arts.
- Since the October update, the team has conducted district-level professional development for multiple grade levels in the following districts:
 - Galion – K – 6 Mathematics vertical alignment training session;
 - Crestline – Preschool to Grade 12 session for all content areas on best practices in high expectations in teaching practices and implementing effective and standards-based assessments; and
 - I will provide in-depth professional development for all ELA teachers Grades 3 – 12 in Lucas in December.
- Team members have worked intensively with teachers at all grade levels in small-group, grade-level, and individual sessions to present the goals of our school improvement work:
 - focusing on the alignment of all professional development to each district's Ohio Improvement Plan and current data analysis;
 - providing evidence-based instructional practices in Mathematics and English Language Arts;
 - ensuring vertical and horizontal alignment of instruction and student expectations for Ohio's Learning Standards;
 - creating valid and reliable assessments;
 - providing tailored, ongoing support to teams as needed; and
 - focusing on embedding implementation of best practices in each classroom.
- As appropriate, Carrie and I are including methods and materials gleaned from the Striving Readers Grant. Implementing these evidence-based practices across the region is a key role for Mid-Ohio's involvement in the grant. We are also including new learnings from Ohio's monthly Literacy trainings in Columbus. This ensures that everything we present is aligned to Ohio's Vision for Literacy.

Possible Opportunities in Other Mid-Ohio Districts

- Later this month, I will be conducting a Standards Alignment Audit for K – 12 intervention specialists in Lexington Local Schools. This is part of their desire to examine the special education program. In addition to the audit, I have offered to work with their administration and staff to create curricular and instructional practices to serve students with disabilities in ways that are aligned to Ohio's Learning Standards. Although the district cannot contract for the 36-day agreement at this time, they may consider a shorter contract for this project.
- Madison Local Schools is looking for someone to conduct training on the GAISE Model in Mathematics. Leanna Ferreira or Rick Rawson could train the teachers. I am waiting to hear from the district to see if they would like to proceed.

Thank you for your continued support of our work. I am always available if you have questions or need additional information.