

Teaching and Learning Team Update
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Professional Development in Contracted Districts

1. 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.
2. The team has diversified trainings based on the needs of the teachers and grade levels/departments involved in each district. Our outcomes are always based on best practices for Ohio's Learning Standards and the vertical and horizontal alignment of curriculum, instructional practices, and assessment.
3. We continue to incorporate practices espoused by the Ohio Department of Education for Literacy at all grade levels, and mirror the work being done through the Striving Readers Grant.

Possible Opportunities in Other Mid-Ohio Districts

1. I will be meeting with the high school administration and the assistant superintendent at Lexington Schools to review the results of the English/Language Arts and Mathematics standards audit for the special education department in that building. General education teachers also took part, but the emphasis is to use the audit information to help restructure the curriculum for special education. In turn, this may lead to a contract for professional development and support on an as-needed basis this school year and a longer contract with the district next school year.
2. Madison Local Schools has indicated interest in contracting for curriculum mapping at the high school as well as professional development on the GAISE model in Mathematics. I am waiting to hear from Renee Neron, their Curriculum Director.

Partnership Opportunities with the Ohio Department of Education

1. Donna Villareal, a consultant from ODE's Lau Center, visited Mid-Ohio on December 9 to explore ways to provide professional development, training, and support for our districts during second semester to address the needs of English Language Learners. This has been requested by several Mid-Ohio districts and, as plans are solidified, we will open our professional development sessions to non-client districts in the region.
2. Jennifer Crum is developing a team to address the needs of districts in the area of Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Social Emotional Learning is critical for all districts as they seek to meet the needs of students who have been exposed to trauma of many kinds, impacting their ability to learn. As part of this effort, I am working with Wendy Grove at the Ohio Department of Education to look at regional implementation of the Department's SEL Standards. In addition, professional development to develop instructional strategies in this area would be an excellent addition to the Teaching and Learning team in 2020 – 2021.

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