**Teaching and Learning Team Update**

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1. In late July and early August, we will be gearing up for the 2020 – 2021 school year, using materials and guidance from the State of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Education, and other education entities, such as the Regional Data Leads network and the Ohio Educational Service Center Association. Each organization provides tools and supports to help serve districts as they determine how to reopen schools in August. The Teaching and Learning team will be meeting to determine a menu of service options to benefit districts during this challenging time.
2. One of the new services to offer client and non-client districts is the facilitation of the Reading Tiered Fidelity Inventory (R-TFI). The R-TFI is an intensive look into K – 12 literacy to identify the strengths and weaknesses of a district’s entire literacy structure. This tool provides the data needed to target a comprehensive plan for addressing literacy issues and solidifying evidence-based practices throughout the district. After contracting with the Teaching and Learning team to facilitate this work, the district may continue the contract to provide additional services and support to implement practices designed to improve student performance and progress. All services provided are aligned to the Ohio Department of Education’s Plan for Literacy.
3. Another available service is assisting schools with the implementation of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). The MTSS approach to serving students looks at all available data, which can include the R-TFI, to determine how the school provides three tiers of instruction: core instruction, initial intervention, and intensive interventions. Each tier must be properly designed and implemented to provide a comprehensive educational experience for all students. This approach builds on the work schools have already done and helps to ensure that effective systems are properly implemented to provide optimum supports for academic, behavioral, and other student needs. Jennifer Crum and I will begin MTSS work with Mansfield City Schools this fall.
4. We will continue to provide our three established tiers of service and support for districts, looking to expand this work in our client and non-client districts during the 2020 – 2021 school year.

**As always, thank you for your continued support of the Teaching and Learning program!**