**Teaching and Learning Team Update**

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1. The new school year will be a busy and exciting one for the Teaching and Learning Team. We now have five districts contracting for services: Northmor, Lucas, Crestline, Mansfield City, and Madison. In addition, we will be providing extensive contracted services for Mid-Ohio's two literacy grants, the Striving Readers Grant and the new Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant. Teaching and Learning currently has ten (10) units contracted with districts and grants, up from four (4) units last school year. The team also has contracts with non-public schools in Richland, Crawford, and Ashland counties.
2. The new Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant, in the amount of $1,050,000 will be tremendous opportunity to showcase the Teaching and Learning team’s extensive expertise in the area of literacy. The model sites involved in this grant are Mansfield City’s Springmill STEM Elementary and Plymouth-Shiloh Elementary. During the next four years, these buildings will become models for other districts and buildings in the region and across the state to learn from and visit. Mid-Ohio will provide the professional development, coaching, intensive support, and other necessary services to help the model sites transform their work in reading and writing. From developing schoolwide literacy systems to training teachers in evidence-based instructional practices, Mid-Ohio will help lead the region in model literacy practices for grades K – 5.
3. I am looking forward to working with the gifted team, literacy grant team, and Teaching and Learning team members this year. We are adding two new members: Colleen Haynes as a part-time gifted consultant, and Kelly Britton to serve on the Teaching and Learning team. Kelly will serve half time as the school improvement coordinator for Mansfield Middle School and half time as a literacy consultant for Teaching and Learning.
4. The Teaching and Learning, gifted, and grant teams are ready to provide services in person or virtually, depending on districts’ needs. The staff is looking forward to a great year!

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