**Mid-Ohio ESC Governing Board Report**

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**Teaching and Learning**

1. The team is providing one unit of service (36 days) each to Lucas, Madison, Mansfield City, Northmor, and the Striving Readers Grant. The new Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant has up to seven (7) units contracted for this school year. Madison and Mansfield City are new contracts for Teaching and Learning, with Lucas and Northmor signing for a second year. Crestline and Galion were unable to join us this year due to budget constraints.
2. Shelley Vance (technology) and Leah Barger (English/Language Arts) are available to provide a limited number of service days as part of the Teaching and Learning Team. With the units contracted for this school year, we welcome their addition to the team. Shelley has already begun working with Lucas for customized professional development to all the district’s teachers as well as offering up to 10 hours of additional time for individualized technology assistance at Lucas. Leah will be working with the contracted districts for middle school and adolescent literacy assistance as needed, up to 15 days.
3. Leanna Ferreira continues her assignment from last year as a half-time Teaching and Learning mathematics consultant, and half-time on the Gifted team. Sherri Richter is now half-time Teaching and Learning, with her remaining days on the Gifted team.
4. The Teaching and Learning team is looking forward to serving districts and the literacy grants with professional development and personalized services in person, through Zoom meetings, in Google classrooms, and with email/phone contacts. These choices will fit whatever format each district prefers for meeting educators’ needs. All these options are already being used to provide services and supports to districts.
5. This semester, we will be creating a limited number of a la carte items to respond to needs expressed on the Superintendents Satisfaction Survey for districts who have not contracted for a unit of service in 2020 – 2021.

**Gifted Team**

1. I have the privilege this year of working with the Gifted consultants. Leanna Ferreira is the team lead, and Colleen Haynes is a new part-time consultant.
2. The team is planning and implementing innovative ideas for providing state-required professional development to all classroom teachers in Mid-Ohio districts.
3. Students enrichment projects for 2020 – 2021 are planned and have contingencies for remote learning as needed.

**Literacy Grants**

1. I will provide oversite of the Year 4 No-Cost Extension of the Striving Readers Grant. Dena Kirby will serve as the Grant Director/Coach.
2. Lisa Cook will move from the Striving Readers Grant to Mid-Ohio’s new Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) grant, managing and providing coaching for the $1,050,000 project. I will provide oversite for this grant as well, working with Lisa to direct the Teaching and Learning team’s services for all required elements of the grant and to ensure the entire project meets ODE’s expectations.
3. The model sites for the CLSD grant are Mansfield City’s Springmill STEM Elementary and Plymouth-Shiloh Elementary. These buildings will become regional and statewide examples of evidence-based literacy practices based on the Science of Reading. This model, as presented by the Ohio Department of Education and other states across the country, is undergirded by proven, researched-based instructional approaches to literacy that have been successful over time.

**Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Networking Meetings**

1. The first meeting will be held virtually on September 18 with four ODE math consultants on a Zoom meeting. They will provide extensive resources and explanations regarding best practices to help students make substantial progress this year despite potentially significant gaps in their mathematics understanding due to school closures last Spring.
2. The other meetings will be held November 13, February 12, and April 23.

**OTES 2.0 Project**

The Ohio Teacher Evaluation System has been updated to include several critical components, including the use of High-Quality Student Data to evaluate teachers. These assessments must be vetted by “expert” groups, and Mid-Ohio is designing ways to bring districts together to create and implement assessments for each content area to meet these stringent criteria. This service will save our districts time and effort as they prepare to enact OTES 2.0 in 2021 – 2022.

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