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Teaching and Learning:

1. The literacy and math Teaching and Learning consultants have had a great start! We've been meeting as departments and discussing the needs of our districts and our overall plans. In addition, all of the new consultants have been participating in onboarding with veteran team members and myself as well as planning to present and support districts in their opening days. I've been able to arrange a lead consultant for each new staff to partner as they serve districts in literacy and math in keeping our legacy of high quality customer satisfaction.

Thank you for your warm welcome and support of me as well as I transitioned to my new role.

2. We are in the midst of district visits. I have arranged with district leaders to introduce each of the new consultants and veteran staff that will be in their district this year. This provides a great opportunity to further solidify our relationships and review the plans for this year in the transition of me being the new Director of Teaching and Learning.

3. Due to several compliance components related to the Dyslexia Law and Phonics Rule, the Ohio Department of Education, has offered to provide us with facilitation training related to the *Science of Reading* and *Structured Literacy* modules required for districts in grades K-1 this year, and grades 2-3 next year. Our consultants applied for this training opportunity and were determined to be highly qualified to be afforded to participate this September. We will be able to offer our districts expert facilitation of the modules and customize the learning to their needs near the middle of October.

ODE Training: Dyslexia Module Facilitation, Leadership and Achievement training (I helped develop this for all Ohio's ESC's in our state), Phonics Rule Course and Assessment Training.

We also will have the opportunity to be PELI trained. The Preschool Essential Literacy Indicators assessment will inform districts by the beginning/middle of the preschool year which evidence based indicators of proficient reading are strong and/or lacking. This assessment was piloted in Galion, with whom I supported at ODE last year. They have had excellent results! Our consultants will be able to provide the training and intervention related to this assessment for our clients. This will be the best proactive piece in helping students read on time and reduce struggling readers by grades K-1.

Gifted:

1. The Gifted team hosted a professional development workshop on August 9, featuring Stephanie Howell, an expert in technology and gifted service. Each of our own gifted consultants presented during breakout sessions as well. Some responses from the evaluation are listed below:

"What was the favorite part about today?" (Many responded the technology resources were amazing, time to work with colleagues and the session on the topic of rigor in the classroom-presented by our own Jenny Pennell)

Rate your satisfaction of the Professional development today: 25 Extremely Satisfied and 10 Very Satisfied (35 total responded)

Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant & Adolescent Literacy Grant:

1. The new grant manager, Kalin Wilburn, and Lisa Cook, met with me to review the status of the grant with STEM Mansfield and Plymouth-Shiloh. We reviewed our goals and discussed the alignment of the literacy consultants in support of the overall model that T&L also supports. A family and community engagement focus this year will bring new resources to our client districts as they will be creating a resource repository on our ESC webpage.

They've met with district leadership and welcome a new principal at STEM this year, Cara Will. Lisa Cook will begin working with new staff at STEM to scale their knowledge and skills with the grant work. There is upwards of 40% new staff at STEM this year.

2. Adolescent Literacy Specialist, Amber Clay Mowry, has been meeting with ODE and her new state colleagues to plan universal support for the state.

We both have a meeting with our state support team to share what those supports will look like in our region. Dr. George Csanyi and his consultants will be meeting with us on August 18 to discuss the needs of the districts we both support for adolescent literacy and support their consultants can access to increase their prowess with adolescent literacy by way of Amber's new role.

Amber supports our whole region and cross regionally with the Comprehensive State Development Awardees in Region 7,9,11 and 10. Most of her work centers on developing the model sites in Ohio. Stay tuned to hear all about this important work!

In addition, Amber is able to scale up our consultants in adolescent literacy best practice. She's already started that training and will participate in a 2 day event with our consultants at Highland August 22 and 23 as they open their year. She and I will be

starting an eight part administrative series regarding literacy with Mansfield City Schools as well.