

**Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center Board of Governors**  
**Report from Lynn Meister, Director of Teaching and Learning**  
**May 18, 2022**

Pending Board approval, Carrie Wood will be the new Director of Teaching and Learning at Mid-Ohio. Her expertise and passion for service will provide outstanding leadership in all areas of the Director's responsibilities. I have known Carrie for years and look forward to spending time in the coming months to ensure a smooth transition for the position. If the Board approves, I will also consult with Carrie on an as-needed basis as she guides all departments through the exciting expansion for 2022 - 2023.

Toward that end, I will be working on a new onboarding process in the next two months with Dr. Mark Burke and Carrie Wood to prepare the new hires for their work in literacy, mathematics, and gifted services.

*Teaching and Learning Department: Growth in Clients, Personnel, and Services*

Teaching and Learning began three years ago with four districts and four contracted units of service. Now, we currently have **10** districts, and one non-public school, already contracted with the department for **17.5** units of service in 2022 - 2023. In addition, Galion will be contracting for a special project, and additional non-public schools are reaching out to ask for professional development and coaching support. This incredible growth is due to the tremendous service the T&L team members provide on a daily basis. Our goal is to become an indispensable piece for districts and expand the types and levels of service the department provides.

Jacqueline Robbeloth and Kelly Britton are leaving for new opportunities next year. Jacqueline will be the principal in Galion Intermediate, while Kelly will be the new Director of Teaching and Learning at Lorain County ESC.

New hires ready for board approval are listed below. We are also considering the need to hire an additional consultant if needed.

- a. Heather Dillon, a dyslexia specialist, as a T&L literacy consultant
- b. Rebecca Kidney for T&L mathematics consulting (and Gifted services)
- c. Danya Davis as a T&L literacy consultant

*Gifted Services: Services and staffing updates*

The team has set their professional development offerings for required gifted hours in 2022 - 2023. They are offering four virtual book studies, an all-day PD on using technology to enhance learning for gifted students on August 9, and online modules of learning throughout the year.

Rebecca Kidney joins the gifted team one day per week to serve a new contract from St. Peter's in Mansfield for a unit of gifted services.

I will miss working with the gifted consultants, but I know they will continue to provide outstanding service and supports in all they do.

### *Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant*

The Ohio Department of Education recently completed an in-depth site visit to examine the work being done by Mid-Ohio in both model literacy sites. The Department sent the site visit's findings last week and rated all components compliant with no areas of concern. This is a testament to the tireless work of Lisa Cook as grant director/coach and Kelly Britton, also a coach for the grant.

Lisa and Kelly are currently working diligently on the ODE "audit" of all work done this year in the CLSD. This is in addition to their busy schedules in the model sites at Plymouth-Shiloh Elementary and Mansfield Springmill STEM Elementary. We do not anticipate any issues with the audit since ODE representatives were very complimentary of all the CLSD grant initiatives and the plans for 2022 - 2023 at the site visit.

We are saddened to lose Kelly Britton next year. She has recently been hired as the Director of Teaching and Learning at Lorain County ESC. She will definitely be missed. We are currently considering options to fill her coaching duties.

### *Adolescent Literacy Specialist Grant*

As described in my April board notes, Mid-Ohio received one of four competitive grants in Ohio to house and support an Adolescent Literacy Specialist (ALS). This person will provide literacy training and support for administrators and teacher leaders in a designated state quadrant. Since Carrie Wood will become the Director of Teaching and Learning, we have offered the position to Amber Clay-Mowry; her contract is ready for your approval. Carrie and Amber will partner with ODE to ensure the grant requirements are fully in place for 2022 - 2023.

On a personal note: As you know, I am retiring as of July 31, 2022. While I'm excited for the new chapter in my life, I'll truly miss working with the Board. Thank you for everything you have done to help Teaching and Learning, Gifted, the CLSD grant, and the new Adolescent Literacy Specialist grant grow and prosper! This has been the capstone position of my career, and I deeply appreciate the opportunity to serve at Mid-Ohio ESC. As my replacement, Carrie Wood is an excellent choice to build on the foundation of everyone's work the past three years. Thank you again!