



Mid-Ohio Governing Board Report

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Literacy: Dyslexia Law Compliance for 2023-2024

- The literacy team is conducting an event to help educators complete the Dyslexia Module series. This is for K-1 teachers that did not complete the required modules due to an unforeseen absence or are new hires. This event is free for any client that already purchased the facilitation module service this year.
- As you may recall from the April board presentation, the T&L Department is offering a new service I proposed in the November CIA Network to district leaders. Ten district leaders indicated at the end of the dyslexia presentation in November and again in February, which would prefer Mid-Ohio to provide the service of guiding them through the intricate components of next year's dyslexia law, MD (multi-disciplinary) team implementation in 2023-24.

Schools must choose one of the approved ODE universal dyslexia screeners, establish a multi-disciplinary team (team that reflects leaders of learner needs in the district) to execute the specifics of the law related to the screener data for each child that will assess indicators for dyslexia. This problem-solving process is intricate and requires a high-level credential to assign reading interventions (our team has the credentials), monitor interventions to determine if they are working and respond to data indicating a mid-course correction and/or administer a diagnostic. During the process there are mandated family communications about assessment, intervention, and monitoring results. This service intersects the leadership in literacy with Leadership and Achievement regarding school improvement. We are excited about this 2-pronged service for our districts as we integrate our efforts.

As I reported in the April presentation, the MD service has impacted on our growth in Teaching and Learning to currently thirty units from 18.5 units. This could be a grand total next month of thirty-two units as one district is interested in adding two additional units. I will be excited to update you next month.

Gifted Department

- Academic Challenge is going well. We are nearing the end of the rounds of competition for the school year. Check the Mid-Ohio website for pictures and top team winners!
- Our gifted team engages in several state projects related to initiatives in revising the gifted rule, presentations in conjunction with ODE/OAGC and regional board news for the state.
- Leanna Ferreira and Sherri Richter are now certified by HQIM (ODE) to provide math curriculum audit and curriculum fidelity for our district adoptions of math (and coming soon, literacy).

Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Grant, Structured Literacy and Adolescent Grants

- Spring monitoring of our three literacy grants to ODE happens in May for Lisa Cook/Kalin Wilburn (1) and myself (2) as we report our grant activities in CLSD, Structured Literacy, and the Adolescent Grant.
- The Adolescent Literacy Grant is proud to secure Doug Reeves for our client districts and members. This year leaders may bring educators that serve as academic leaders to increase their prowess in systems work. Very timely for the work required with data next year via the dyslexia law.
- Our ODE Adolescent Coach, Amber Clay-Mowry, is on an ODE work group to complete the Dyslexia 4-12 modules. She has had an impact on filming intervention examples for educators on three of the eleven modules. This is an honor and a feather in Mid-Ohio's cap as well.
- ODE leadership secured Amber Clay-Mowry and I to present at the Literacy Academy sponsored by ODE on June 8 downtown Columbus, Ohio. We are both honored to stay close to our state work on behalf of our districts. Amber will present on "writing instruction" and I will present "Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy" and share how our district (clients and non-client) awardees and non-awardees in region seven have sustained a reading model with aligning their local literacy plan to Ohio's work. Plymouth-Shiloh, Mansfield City, Ashland City, Mt. Gilead, Northmor and GOAL representing three grants and grade bands PK (B-5), K-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

Thank you for your support of our department,

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