



Mid-Ohio Board of Governors October Update

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Literacy Coaching Project Updates:

Our team is fourteen strong. We are currently serving 15 schools.

The Department's focus for this year is to help support literacy implementation across Ohio. The ReadOhio coaches will play a pivotal role in supporting the implementation of high-quality literacy instruction and systems that bridge the components of these policies as levers for overall literacy improvement. Our role is to support and empower schools and districts to effectively implement best practices in literacy to meet the needs of **all** learners.

This month each coach is tasked with creating a service plan driven by a SMART goal (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timebound for all students) around the work in our level model, tier 3. This tier accesses teaming structures in one or two grade level(s) around collaborative problem solving with the stakeholders in the grade level. This is the context that prioritizes their work during the day. I will meet with school leadership to review/revise the plan. In addition to the service delivery plan, I will meet with leaders to provide clarity around our project metrics: learning walks regarding the use of explicit instruction, the building system survey using the tool, the Reading Tiered Fidelity Inventory, and signing the partnership agreement.

In our quad, the most applied innovations in this tier surround evidence base practices to support high quality instructional material implementation (HQIM). There are some schools still in the process of adopting a new HQIM curriculum and the review process is intense. Schools have welcomed the expertise of the coaches as a participant to help review curriculum in K-5 and 6-12 settings. Schools that are just starting with a new curriculum are depending on the coaches to help teachers implement it with integrity in their classes.

Read Ohio Newsletter: The project, via Mid-Ohio ESC, provides stakeholders with monthly newsletters for all teachers and leaders in the district buildings that partner with our project. This year we will serve over 120 schools. We have streamlined the newsletter to include literacy resources for teachers in grades PK-12. Currently the first edition is all about assessment. Right now, most of our schools are busy providing instruction to students that need to fill gaps in basic and advanced phonics, reading fluency, writing and vocabulary. There are assessment resources that will help inform the differentiated instruction in these areas.

**Thank you for your support,
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