



Mid-Ohio Board of Governors April Update

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National News: Fordham report: Authors urge continued support for Ohio's Read Ohio Coaches! MOESC is one of four ESC's in the state doing this important work

<https://fordhaminstitute.org/ohio/research/ohios-path-early-literacy-science-reading-progress-and-challenges>

(Report introductions)

- As you know over the past few years, Ohio has launched important new policy initiatives aimed at improving reading proficiency. Based on decades of research about how children best learn to read, Governor DeWine and the General Assembly enacted a new requirement in 2023 that schools follow the Science of Reading.
- The national report provides insight into how Ohio teachers view the shift to the Science of Reading. Conducted by researchers at Johns Hopkins University, the survey finds promising signs that most teachers are supportive of these changes, while also uncovering areas that need continuing attention from state and local leaders.

Included in this support for the Read Ohio Coaching Project. (Page 2)

*"We wish to add two suggestions—which should be enacted this year through the state budget. First, lawmakers should require the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce to disclose the core curriculum and any supplemental programs used by schools on their annual report cards. This information is currently unavailable, but parents and the public should know which materials their local district and school are using and whether they are state approved. Second, lawmakers should continue support of the state's literacy coaching program. This initiative currently deploys eighty-four trained coaches who provide hands-on support for teachers serving in more than 100 low-performing schools. In his recent budget request, Governor DeWine set-aside \$12 million per year to sustain the program, and lawmakers should approve these funds. **Coaches like these were essential to Mississippi and can help Ohio make rapid progress, too.**"*

Read Ohio Coordinator Presentations: Upcoming

- May OESCA – Ohio's Coaching Model (Stephanie VanDyke and Coordinators)
- June 11 Teacher Leaders' Summit -Ohio's Coaching Model
- June 12 Academy-Read Ohio Partner Schools Examples inside Ohio's Leveled Model
- June 12 Academy- Game Changers: Turning Literacy Pits into Peaks across the Continuum

Read Ohio Leadership Projects:

- Mid-Ohio ESC is hosting the ML Cadre on April 10 to plan for an exciting new service. Tiffany O'Neil continues to work on Ohio's Coaching Modules for Read Ohio. She is one of 3 coaches in

the state project that was chosen to share her partner's school experiences with coaching leaders and teachers regarding Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) sustainability.

- Haley Bryant, Tiffany O'Neil, Leah Kelley, and Julie Kemper are part of a cadre of coaches and coordinators leading future work with multi-lingual learner support in partner schools.
- Whitney Imhoff, NW team Mid-Ohio Coach, will be representing the NW quad in the June Literacy Academy presentation on Ohio's Coaching Model and at our next May state network to share her work regarding Elyria, which won a "Science of Reading" award from the Governor DeWine.
- Carrie Wood submitted a Department of Education and Workforce proposal for contract on behalf of MOESC to continue the management and implementation of regional Road Ohio Literacy Coaching Project work.

Thank you for your support,

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