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August Board Report

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My first two weeks at MOESC have focused on becoming familiar with FIRST and Abraxas, while also developing a better understanding of my role, responsibilities, and expectations for regular visits to both facilities. During this time, I have had the opportunity to meet with the principals at both locations and begin developing supportive working relationships with them.

On August 4, the date of our highly successful Admin Conference, Shelly and I accompanied keynote speaker Damon West as he spoke with students at FIRST, Abraxas, and the Juvenile Detention Center. Students were highly engaged and appreciative of his message. Damon did an excellent job of tailoring his presentation to meet the needs of each audience while also adjusting his message to accommodate the time available at each location. The responses from the students were moving, and it was an extremely impactful morning for everyone involved.

With both Private Resident Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) on break from August 10–14, I will begin engaging more directly with both facilities next week. My priorities for August include continued discussions with both principals regarding OPES, student attendance, recruitment and retention, current needs, and areas where additional support may be beneficial. One immediate area of concern is FIRST's recent loss of its AA counselor, which may present an opportunity to identify additional resources or support for the students this fall.

I also plan to spend time meeting staff members and other members of the management teams at each facility. These conversations will help me gain a stronger understanding of each program, establish relationships with key personnel, and identify ways I can best support the principals, staff, and students moving forward.

Thank you for welcoming me to Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center.

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