KALAMAZOO RESA
Special Education

Instructional Leadership Team Update

Month: November 2026

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Update:
The Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) is made up of 38 administrators, coordinators, and instructional coaches from the Special Education, Early Childhood, Educator Supports, and Career Connect Centers of Excellence. The team gathers monthly as a way for the instructional leaders at Kalamazoo RESA to connect and build capacity collaboratively. The capacity building during this gathering is focused on building the systems and skills leaders need to support our ongoing continuous improvement efforts including improving school culture/climate, utilizing effective instructional practices, and improving student outcomes.

There are two intertwined areas the ILT will be focused on for the 2026-27 school year and beyond- Instructional Rounds and Leading for Collective Impact:

- **"The Harvard Model of Instructional Rounds"** are a systematic way for schools/districts to improve teaching, learning, and student outcomes. It is a concept taken from the medical field. It looks at classroom instruction in a focused, systematic, purposeful, and collective way.

- **"Leading for Collective Impact"** is led by Mary Burke, Educational Improvement Consultant for KRESA's Educator Supports. Collective impact is the ultimate goal for instructional leaders striving to foster a culture of growth and learning. The collaboration and collective efficacy of educators creates the belief that we can achieve remarkable results for students and families. By providing efficacy-enhancing feedback, instructional leaders can empower educators to recognize the power of their collective efforts and the positive impact they can have on student and family outcomes. The books "Collective Impact: Overcoming the Twelve Enemies of Teacher Efficacy" by Jenni Donohoo and "The Illustrated Guide to Visible Learning: An Introduction to What Works Best in Schools" by John Hattie will be utilized to support building capacity around these concepts.

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Date	Time	Location	Topic
August 2026			NO MEETING
Tuesday, September 15, 2026	11:30-1:30pm (after admin team)	KRESA Service Center (Conf Rm A & B)	Instructional Rounds (IR) Planning
October 2026	TBD (w/ your IR team)	TBD (w/ your IR team)	Instructional Rounds (OYO w/ your team)
Tuesday, November 17, 2026	11:30-1:30pm (after admin team)	KRESA Service Center (Conf Rm A & B)	Leading for Collective Impact
Tuesday, December 15, 2026	11:30-1:30pm (after admin team)	KRESA Service Center (Conf Rm A & B)	Leading for Collective Impact
Tuesday, January 19, 2027	11:30-1:30pm (after admin team)	KRESA Service Center (Conf Rm A & B)	Leading for Collective Impact
Tuesday, February 16, 2027	11:30-1:30pm (after admin team)	KRESA Service Center (Conf Rm A & B)	Leading for Collective Impact
March 2027	TBD (w/ your IR team)	TBD (w/ your IR team)	Instructional Rounds (OYO w/ your team)
Tuesday, April 20, 2027	11:30-1:30pm (after admin team)	KRESA Service Center (Conf Rm A & B)	Instructional Rounds (Whole Group Reflection*)
May 2027			NO MEETING
Thursday, June 10, 2027	3:30-5:30pm	TBD	End of Year Celebration

Action Item:
None

Fiscal Impact:
None

Attachments:
None

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