

Educator Supports Center of Excellence Update

Strengthening local school districts and educators by providing professional learning, consulting, coaching, and educational resources.

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Update:

Youth Advancement Academy Monitoring

Educator Supports Coordinator completed the annual review of Youth Advancement Academy (YAA) highlighting its ongoing efforts to support at-risk students in grades 7–12 through individualized instruction, social-emotional learning, and targeted academic interventions. The academy focused on improving math performance, though only 38% of students met the growth goal. Attendance improved following staff changes, and SEL programming was expanded using the TRAILS model. Instruction was delivered via the Imagine Purpose platform, with new policies to reinforce engagement and integrity.

YAA served 83 students, all economically disadvantaged, with 18% receiving special education services. Course completion totaled 77 semesters, with one student graduating. Staff and students appreciated the supportive environment but noted challenges with staffing, leadership consistency, and restrictive policies. Compliance with special education requirements was mostly met, with technical assistance provided to address minor issues. Overall, YAA demonstrated progress and a commitment to continuous improvement despite persistent challenges.

Supporting Districts with the 2025-26 School Year

Educator Supports Professional Learning Catalog offers a wide range of supports designed to meet the diverse needs of educators across the region. The catalog includes offerings in instructional practices, leadership development, student support services, and specialized content areas.

Districts can access workshops, coaching, and customized training aligned with state standards and local priorities. Categories include literacy and math instruction, social-emotional learning, MTSS





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implementation, special education compliance, and data-driven decision-making. Many sessions are eligible for SCECHs and can be tailored for in-district delivery. Educator Supports also provides ongoing technical assistance and consultation to help districts implement and sustain effective practices. For personalized support, districts are encouraged to contact Educators Supports directly to coordinate offerings that best meet their goals.

Leadership Networks are designed to support various educator groups for the upcoming school year. These include:

- Kalamazoo County Council of Principals (High School)
- Greater Kalamazoo Alternative Education Principals Network
- Southwest Michigan Principals Network (Elementary and Middle)
- Kalamazoo County Instructional Council
- EL Consortium of Southwest Michigan Regional Network
- Coaching Collaborative
- Math Instructional Leaders Network

Action Item:

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Fiscal Impact:

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Attachments:

[YAA Morning Report 2024-2025](#)

[YAA Monitoring Presentation](#)

[Educator Supports Professional Learning Catalog 2025-2026](#)

