

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:

At our core, we believe that in order to effectively support educators, our consultants must also have intentional opportunities to deepen their own learning. During the school year their time is dedicated to providing training, coaching, and consulting across the county and beyond. However, we are also able to prioritize some time outside of the school year to allow our people to attend training themselves. These learning experiences ensure our consultants are consistently informed by the latest research and instructional practices—allowing them to offer the highest quality support to teachers, administrators, and educational leaders.

Below are some examples of how our consultants are utilizing training between June and August to grow their skill sets and advance their impact:

- Mathematics Consultants: Attending the *Early Math Leadership Institute* to align on a shared vision for early math instruction, explore research-based resources, and strengthen community partnerships. This experience supports our county-wide efforts to transform instruction in PreK–5th grade classrooms.
- Literacy Consultants: Participating in the *Early Literacy Coaching Institute*, engaging in cutting-edge, research-aligned learning to strengthen coaching practices and improve student literacy outcomes.
- Educational Improvement Consultant: Attended the *Michigan Continuous Improvement Facilitators Network Summer Conference*, focusing on sustainable school improvement strategies and state-level initiatives.
- Multilingual Consultant: Engaging in professional learning focused on *Classroom Instruction that Works for English Learners*, aimed at enhancing culturally responsive, high-impact instructional practices.



- Culture and Climate Specialists: Training in *TRAILS (Transforming Research into Action to Improve the Lives of Students)* to gain new tools for addressing student mental health needs. This “train-the-trainer” model will allow specialists to implement and scale TRAILS-informed programming across districts.
- Engagement Specialists: Our newest specialist is joining early childhood team members at the *TEACCH Training* in North Carolina, building expertise in strategies for creating more inclusive, least restrictive environments in classrooms across the county.
- Coordinators/Data and Assessment: Our Coordinator will be attending the *FAME (Formative Assessment for Michigan Educators) Retreat* as well as *Building a Better Assessment Future* to gain new insights on assessment practices to support districts.

These experiences reflect our strong belief in leading by example—demonstrating to the communities we serve that continuous professional learning is not just valued but essential. By investing in our consultants' growth, we expand their capacity to lead, inspire, and transform education for all.

Action Item:

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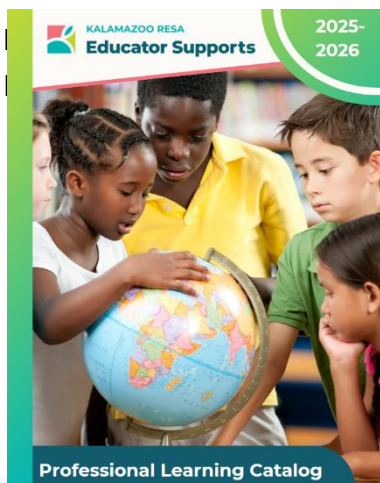
Fiscal Impact:

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Attachments:

Please see our 25-26 Professional Learning Offerings Below

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