

The MELANGE



Perry Township Schools-EL Newsletter

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The New EL Staff

The purpose for creating a team was to provide a framework that will increase the ability of the EL staff to participate in planning, problem solving and decision making to better serve all the schools and their staff.



Janet Nataren has been doing a great job in the EL department and will continue as the EL Supervisor.



Jane Pollard has taken on the role of EL Administrator and will be working closely with Janet to divide some of the responsibilities to make the department run smoothly.



Lisa Netsch has been added as the District SIOP Coach and her main role is to support teachers who are working with EL students.

Your Team

In order for the EL team to fulfill their intended role of improving organizational effectiveness, it is critical that schools develop their own teams that are focused on their specific school goals and mission. Each part of the school's "EL" team plays an integral part in, not only supporting EL students but, supporting ALL students. The team begins with the Administrators and Master Teachers, and includes the EL staff and SIOP expert. Each part of the team brings a different lens to the table. Below is a list of the SIOP experts. They met with Lisa, Jane, and Janet over the summer to review SIOP, discuss their new role, and some upcoming opportunities. Please see these individuals as a "go-to" person within your building for SIOP help and support.

Meet the SIOP Experts

Heather Evans.....	Abraham Lincoln Elementary
Sarah Laptiste.....	Clinton Young Elementary
Stephanie Warble.....	Douglas MacArthur Elementary
Shona Landsell.....	Glenns Valley Elementary
Lindsay Mock.....	Henry Burkhart Elementary
Maggie Corthell.....	Homecroft Elementary
Lora Spangle.....	Jeremiah-Gray Elementary
Amanda Aud.....	Mary Bryan Elementary
Lisa Miller.....	Rosa Parks Elementary
Darci A Cockrum.....	Southport Elementary
Amy Bennett.....	Winchester Village Elementary
Steve Drwecki.....	Perry Meridian 6th Grade Academy
Cassie Bennett.....	Perry Meridian Middle School
Andrea Hagenmaier.....	Perry Meridian High School
D. Katy Gaines.....	Southport 6th Grade Academy
Brandi Battinau.....	Southport Middle School
Mike Klopfenstein.....	Southport High School

Great Starts

Jane, Janet, and Lisa have had a whirlwind start to the year. They have been visiting schools and meeting administrators, master teachers, and EL staff. The reaction to the changes has been positive. The SIOP Experts have been busy planning with their leadership teams on how to bring SIOP information to their buildings. Amy Bennett at WV, has begun a monthly SIOP newsletter that she is sharing with her staff as well as the EL department and SIOP Experts. Mike Klopfenstein and EL teacher Amy Peddie at SHS collaborated on presenting SIOP and WIDA information to a group of new teachers. Sarah Laptiste and EL teacher Gayal Jones shared yearly data at an all staff business meeting at CY as well as had their first "EL Chat" with staff members to discuss SIOP and other topics. The entire team at AL has been working diligently to embed SIOP and WIDA into planning for the new reading program. Administration at PMHS has worked with Andrea Hagenmaier to present SIOP and how to plan for their ELs' instruction. The SIOP experts at SA, PMHS, and SHS have begun collaboration between the buildings to share ideas. We love to hear the great things you are doing in your buildings to support students and each other. Please keep sharing.

Learning Corner:

WIDA standards have been adopted! We are currently using the LAS Links placement test but will transition to WIDA ACCESS soon. Please copy and paste or click on the link to see a 16 min. overview of WIDA for Perry Township schools.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJJjNcBIs88>

Upcoming Events:

There is a SIOP video refresher available to a few certified teachers that are SIOP trained for each building. The course is 6 hours and there is a small stipend for those that participate. This course is on your own time and should be done outside of your contract hours. It includes webinar like videos about the background, data, and laws of English learners as well as reviews of each of the 8 components of SIOP. Please