

## Measure 2: Stakeholder Involvement

Each year the Department of Education reaches out to multiple stakeholders to provide updates on the education programs at RMU and seek input from stakeholders themselves. Below is a list of stakeholder events and topics for the 2021-2022 academic year.

### 1. Education Conference October 11, 2021

Each year RMU hosts an education conference for local teachers and administrations. The 2021 RMU Trees Network Special Education Conference was once again held virtually. The conference entitled Renew and Reconnect provided over 100 teachers and administrators with opportunities to learn about a variety of topics including numbersense, Heggerty phonemic awareness, transition, cultural concerns and AAD, connecting with parents and more.

### 2. Education Advisory Board Meeting April 1, 2022

The Educational Advisory Board annually brings local educational leaders and teachers together to collaborate on curriculum, educational initiatives and research possibilities. This year's meeting focused on the following: an overview of the programs in the Department of Education including graduate programs, accreditation updates, grants received in the past year and the schools associated with the grants, study abroad opportunities, and discussion on using the RISE simulation center for some pilot education courses including the IEP course. Advisory board members were also asked the following questions.

1. If any board members would look at our curriculum (eced/sped) over the summer to provide input. (Those in attendance agreed to help if possible)
2. Public perception of RMU teacher ed programs (General consensus was it is a hidden gem, excellent program, but not a big enough marketing presence)
3. How can we improve? (Continue collaborating with districts, agencies and brainstorm ways to get the word out to the public).

### 3. Memorandums of Understanding 2021-2022

During the 2021-2022 academic year the Department of Education at RMU continued MOUs with scores of local schools/districts and created 1 new MOUs with local schools/districts (see list below). The purpose of the MOUs is three-fold: 1) It creates an opportunity for our pre-service teachers to conduct their pre-student and student teaching experiences in a variety of schools including rural, suburban, and urban settings. This allows our pre-service teachers to experience a host of different educational environments before graduation. 2) The MOUs allow for research to take place in schools where we have an existing relationship with the school. The research strengthens educational faculty in preparing future teachers for their work after graduation. 3) The MOUs provide an opportunity to provide professional development opportunities for RMU and school districts in the region.

**MOU Agreements for the entire 2021-22 School year**

Aliquippa School District  
Allegheny Intermediate Unit  
Allegheny Valley School District  
Ambridge Area School District  
Avonworth School District  
Baden Academy  
Baldwin-Whitehall School District  
Beaver Area School District  
Bethel Park School District  
Big Beaver Falls School District  
Blackhawk School District  
The Bradley Center  
Brentwood Borough School District  
Burgettstown Area School District  
Butler Area School District  
Canon-McMillan School District  
Carlynton School District  
Central Greene School District  
Central Valley School District  
Charleroi Area School District  
Chartiers Valley School District  
Clairton City School District  
Commonwealth Charter Academy  
Connellsville Area School District  
Cornell School District  
Crafton Children's Corner  
Duquesne University Reading Clinic  
East Allegheny School District  
Elizabeth Forward School District  
Ellwood City Area School District  
Employment Options Center McGuire Memorial  
Exceptional Adventures  
Fort Cherry School District  
Fox Chapel Area School District  
Franklin Regional School District  
Freedom Area School District  
Freeport Area School District  
Friendship Preschool  
Gateway School District  
Glade Run Lutheran Services dba St. Stephen's Academy  
Hampton Township School District  
HAP Enterprises Tiny Tot Child Development Program  
Hempfield Area School District  
Hermitage School District  
Highlands School District  
Keystone Oaks School District  
Kinder Academy of Robinson  
Laurel School District  
McGuffey School District  
Montour School District  
Moon Area School District  
Mt. Lebanon School District

Neshannock Township School District  
New Brighton Area School District  
North Allegheny School District  
North Hills School District  
Norwin School District  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School  
Pace School  
PACYBER - Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School  
Penn-Trafford School District  
Peters Township School District  
Pine-Richland School District  
Pittsburgh New Church School  
Plum Borough School District  
Propel Schools  
Provident Charter School  
Quaker Valley School District  
Red Balloon Early Learning Center  
Riverside Beaver County School District  
Riverview School District  
Rochester Area School District  
Shaler Area School District  
Shenango Area School District  
South Butler County School District  
South Fayette School District  
South Park School District  
South Side Area School District  
Steel Valley School District  
Sto-Rox School District  
Trinity Area School District  
Upper St. Clair School District  
Urban Pathways 6-12 Charter School  
Watson Institute  
West Allegheny School District  
Western Beaver County School District  
Western PA School for the Blind  
Western PA School for the Deaf  
Westmoreland Intermediate Unit  
West Mifflin Area School District  
West Jefferson Hills School District  
Woodland Hills School District  
Young Scholars of Western PA Charter School

**MOU Agreements started during the 2021-22 School year**

Toronto City Schools, Toronto, Ohio