



## Measure 2: Stakeholder Involvement

Each year the Education Department faculty, staff and/or administrators reach out to multiple stakeholders to provide updates on the education programs at RMU and seek input from stakeholders themselves. Below is a summary of relevant stakeholder events and topics for the 2022-2023 academic year.

- 1. Education Conference: October 10, 2022**  
Each year RMU hosts an education conference for local teachers and administrations. The 2022 RMU Trees Network Special Education Conference was held virtually. The conference entitled Moving Forward Together provided over attending pre-service education students, teachers and administrators with opportunities to learn about a variety of topics including behavior management, math strategies, IEPs and ELLs, PASA and DLM, Co-Teaching, and Structured Literacy. The keynote speakers were Laurie Vander Ploeg, Associate Executive Vice President, CEC; and Dr. Allison Dubois, Mindful Mind Solutions.
- 2. Virtual Mentoring: Monthly throughout the school year**  
In 2022-23, RMU education faculty members held virtual mentoring sessions throughout the school year to enlighten and educate high school students about different opportunities available in the education field as part of Education Professionals Mentoring High School Program with RMU, 2022-23. The monthly program was conducted virtually. The sessions were recorded and shared with all the schools following the program. Students were able to submit questions in the chat box. The sessions were held on the first Thursday of the month, First Thursday of each month, beginning in October 2022. The session topics were: October 6: Overview of the Education field & Hot Topics: SEL; November 3: Early Childhood (PreK-4), Early Intervention (Dr. Tepe & Dr. Maria Paul); December 1: Middle, Secondary levels & Curriculum (Dr. Kardamibikis w/Mclain and Hannah Szecanzy current RMU students); \*January 12: Special Education, Reading Specialist, English Language Learners, (Dr. Bill Scheichler, Dr. Bernadowski, Dr. Ying Zhang w/ Nic Lindelow and Hannah Fowler current RMU students); February 2: Educational Administration (Drs. Scott Miller, AW, Katherine Roche, WA); March 2: Teaching abroad (Dr. Taylor, Sam King); April 6: On Campus/Pathways to Education Professionals Role (Participating students and teachers were invited on campus for a panel discussion with current educators and students to discuss pathways to become an Education Professional). \*2nd Thursday due to RMU semester break.
- 3. Advisory Meeting with Cooperating Teachers and University Supervisors**  
In 2022-23, RMU held an advisory meetings and end of year feedback meetings each semester. These meetings continue to inform our teacher education program. These meetings were held on campus at the end of student teaching.
- 4. Student Teaching Seminar Experiences**  
Each year, RMU's teacher candidates engage with practitioners from the field during the required student teaching seminar experience. RMU's teacher education program has strong partnerships with its stakeholders that allow for such opportunities, some of which take place as part of coursework. During student teaching seminar, the teacher candidates participate in mock interviews and resume building experiences with acting principals from the community. RMU is committed to preparing educators in collaboration with its community and stakeholders.

5. **Consortia Involvement**  
Two faculty members joined a Higher Education Consortium (HEC) that meets quarterly with other early childhood higher education faculty to discuss issues, problem solve and brainstorm ideas to strengthen the field of early childhood education. The HEC members teach at institutions of higher education across the state of Pennsylvania and met virtually throughout the year, and in person in Harrisburg, PA in June, 2022. Information is shared as appropriate at RMU faculty meetings with the faculty at large.
6. **Statewide Involvement**  
Faculty and staff are also part of a state-wide field coordinators group. They meet virtually once a semester, and regularly touch base via electronic communication and newsletters. This group provides insight into PDE requirements, changes, and other pertinent information regarding student field hours (including pre and student teaching hours).
7. **Memorandums of Understanding, 2022-2023**  
During the 2022-2023 academic year the Department of Education at RMU continued MOUs with scores of local schools/districts. 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 2022-23 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 MemorialExceptional 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 DistrictRiverview 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  
Toronto City Schools, Toronto, Ohio  
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