



Lawrence County Educational Service Center

Educational Excellence in Ohio's Most Southern County

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The Lawrence County ESC staff has been very proud to continue vital work for the districts, students and staff that we serve. They have shown great professionalism and dedication to this county, and the administration of the Lawrence County ESC is extremely thankful for the continued work they are doing.

The Curriculum Supervisors of the Lawrence County ESC have been extremely busy continuing to provide educational opportunities to the staff of Lawrence County. Below is a list of the work they continue to provide:

1. Continue to work on preparation for the Bridge Training for OTES-2 that will need to be ready when the teachers and principals return.
2. In Cooperation with SST 15, we are creating learning modules that will be placed on the SST 15 site, as well as, our ESC web site, which will allow teachers to complete these modules and earn contact hours for the renewal of their licenses. At this point, we have eight modules from the ESC that are available.
3. We have continued to gather relevant and free web sites and resources that have great learning opportunities and have been emailing those to teachers and even some parents in our county for them to use with their students and children.
4. In case we are permitted to have our summer learning opportunities for our county teachers, we have continued to work on our "Summer Academy" so it will be ready to go in June if allowed.
5. Our Supervisors have continued to work with Muskingum Valley ESC on the Prevention Education Grant. To this point, they have completed three surveys for their Special Services Manager.
6. They are working with OCALI and their Outreach Center to reschedule a Special Education Network Meeting that had to be postponed. This is a very important topic for our districts.
7. They continue to be available to answer any questions that teachers in the county may have. They have answered several by email, text, and phone.
8. They have also been available to help any student in the county if questions arise while they are completing their schoolwork. This is in the form of free tutoring if needed.

Our Special Education County Cooperative Units are working diligently to continue the education of each child.

1. They prepared packets to send home with each child. This work was prepared individually for each child's IEP in mind. The students were also given contact information for each teacher so they could make contact if needed while completing the work. In addition, some staff have communicated with students to check if help is needed.
2. Head teacher has been working with districts to make sure IEP and ETR dates are in compliance. This has been accomplished using conference calls with parents/guardians.
3. The staff is already talking in advance to prepare for the next educational packets that may need to be given to students if the closure is extended. This will cause an issue in our county because many of our students do not have capable internet connection. To accomplish this goal, our staff will have to meet parents at pick-up points or possibly even deliver the packets to their homes.

Work also continues on our Lawrence County Joint Cooperative for “at risk” students. This is a blended learning program, however, for this time period, all classes are being done totally online.

1. They continue to provide online learning opportunities.
2. Staff is sending online progress reports to parents/guardians on a weekly basis, along with reminders to parents/guardians of the expected progress of their child.
3. Online staff are providing more contact information so students may contact them if they have questions arise while completing their work.
4. The classroom teacher is also contacting the students on a weekly basis to help monitor the students’ needs.
5. Continue to provide communication to the local districts on the progress of their students.
6. Intervention Specialist is monitoring IEP and ETR dates for compliance.

The ESC has also encouraged the staff to get involved where needed at schools and in their community. We have had staff members going to districts and helping pass out food to the students and even delivering meals to a few that are in need. We have also had staff that are helping check on the elderly by cooking them meals and making sure they have the medicines they need. This is a unique time and we all must do our part. I hope that here at the Lawrence County ESC, we are accomplishing that goal.

As stated earlier, our ESC staff will continue to help districts in need as long as this closure is in existence. Our motto says, “Educational Excellence in Ohio’s Most Southern County”. We want to make sure that educational excellence continues during this difficult time.