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Regional Meeting

Featuring speaker,
Brian McNulty

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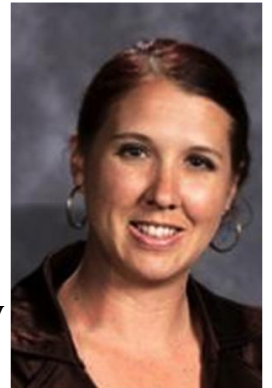
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Elyria High's Stacie Starr Named National "Top Teacher"



After her 14 years of supporting students with disabilities, Stacie Starr, an intervention specialist at Elyria High School, was bestowed a great honor when she was named the National "Top Teacher" by the "Live with Kelly and Michael" Morning Show on ABC! Stacie is quick to point out that she is part of an educational team and that everyone deserves credit for the success for which she was singled out.

I asked Stacie what she thought the top priorities should be for educators in today's schools. She stated, without hesitation, "The number one priority for educators today should be to build relationships with our students and their parents!" Starr also said that she feels that "once students believe in and trust you, they will work beyond any expectations they ever felt they could meet." Additionally, she shared, "We need to help our students set goals and celebrate their achievements" as being key to promoting student success. "We need to find out what their interests are, go to their sporting events, concerts, or other activities, listen to them and ask them questions, and show them that we genuinely care!"

Mrs. Starr said that her favorite part of being "Top Teacher" was "having my mom, who has been battling Pancreatic Cancer for two years, here to witness the whole experience! It was also very cool to have my children there when they called my name as the winner" she added.

In addition to teaching, Stacie also has coached football, both Boys and Girls Basketball, and Track. When colleagues were asked about Stacie, they said, "Stacie just never seems to get her fill of being around and helping students find their path to success!" As she begins her 15th year in this terrific vocation, the State Support Team, Region 2, would like to congratulate Stacie, her family and her educational team at Elyria High School on this wonderful accomplishment!



Congratulations to the 2014 R.A. Horn Outstanding Achievement Award Recipient, Seth Muck from Avon Lake City Schools!

Congratulations to the 2014 Franklin B. Walter Team Award Recipients, Susan Baker, Kristen Metz, and Kathleen Pero from Elyria City Schools!



Revised Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities Went into Effect July 1, 2014

The revised Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities went into effect July 1, 2014. There were numerous changes to the Operating Standards (Ohio Administrative Rules 3301-51-01 to 3301-51-21) and a few of the changes were previously placed into effect prior to July 1, 2014. Three such changes are: “the IEP can no longer serve as prior written notice” (went into effect December 2013); “districts must provide notice of the Autism Scholarship and John Peterson Scholarship to parents” (in effect 2013) and “comprehensive transition services for students at age 14, or earlier if the IEP team determines appropriate” (in effect 2013-2014). In order to provide readers with a brief synopsis we have only highlight a few of the changes in this article. It is imperative that readers read the revised Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities themselves and in no way should they rely solely on this article for information. This article is meant to provide the reader with general information and is not legal advice.

OAC Rule 3301-51-01 Applicability of requirements and definitions:

- Deletion of “cognitive disability” as a disability category; the appropriate term is “intellectual disability.”
- The entities that previously were called County Boards of MRDD are now Boards of Developmental Disabilities.
- When identifying a child between the ages of 3 and 5, the term “developmental delay” is now an available disability category.
- Clarification between the required members of an initial evaluation team and the required members of a reevaluation team has been provided.

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Career Tech Corner

The beginning of the school year offers new opportunities to support students achieve career education goals, obtain employment, and pursue further education. As your career technical education consultant for State Support Team Regions 2, 3, 4 & 8, with a focus on students with special needs, I look forward to supporting your goals. During 17 of service at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, I worked as a job training coordinator, lead mentor for the resident educator program, and chairperson of the High Schools that Work data committee. Prior to my career education experience, I served as a school principal, group home director, and university teacher. Working now as a career technical education consultant brings the opportunity to share the good things taking place in our field and support you to meet the needs of your students.

Career and technical education offers all students needed training for 21 century jobs and continued learning. Hallmarks of our work enable students to connect their learning to free market activities and to measure their progress in mastering employability/career skills. One of my career technical education districts is piloting a one-page survey instrument with to use instructor and student self-evaluation to incrementally measure student progress to employment readiness. With the resources of the Employment First Initiative and the new Ohio Means Jobs Web Portal, measuring employability skills will focus students' efforts to obtain gainful community employment. Please let me know if you are interested in joining this initiative (ron.zybura@esc-cc.org) or in any other areas related to our field. In beginning our work the IEP process; student admission, recruiting, retention; community employment; effective teaching strategies; and the OMJK-12 web portal (applied to career tech education) have been areas of stakeholder interest.

I am grateful and privileged to work with you in a field that I have grown to love because of the opportunity that it creates for students with staff who are dedicated to serving them I look forward to meeting my stakeholders and appreciate the welcome form districts that I have visited.

Ron Zybura ron.zybura@esc-cc.org

STARS Information

WHO: Anyone who wants to register for professional development

WHAT: The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) launched the Security Application For Enterprise (SAFE) Web portal in May, 2003. SAFE is a Web Portal and a "single sign on" software security solution for ODE customers. The SAFE sign-up procedure is automated and authenticates users by leveraging real-time Ohio driver license and Ohio identification data.

WHERE:

<https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal>

WHEN: Individuals need to register for workshops through STARS for each session they plan to attend.

WHY: The portal provides ODE customers with an added measure of convenience. Eventually, an individual will need only one secure account for most ODE Web applications he or she is authorized to use. ODE customers expressed frustration with the large number of passwords and custom security systems rolled out with each new Web application. SAFE addresses those concerns and provides customers with one "portable" password and username for a variety of ODE Web applications. SAFE also provides a centralized and consistent security approach and electronic signature authority for electronic transactions.

SAFE is sometimes referred to as the "Web Portal," so "SAFE account" and "secure ODE Web Portal account" are synonymous. Additionally, State Support Team Region 2 COMMUNICATES TO REGISTRANTS THROUGH STARS: CHANGE OF LOCATION, CANCELLATION, ETC. IS SENT VIA THE EMAIL IN YOUR USER PROFILE.

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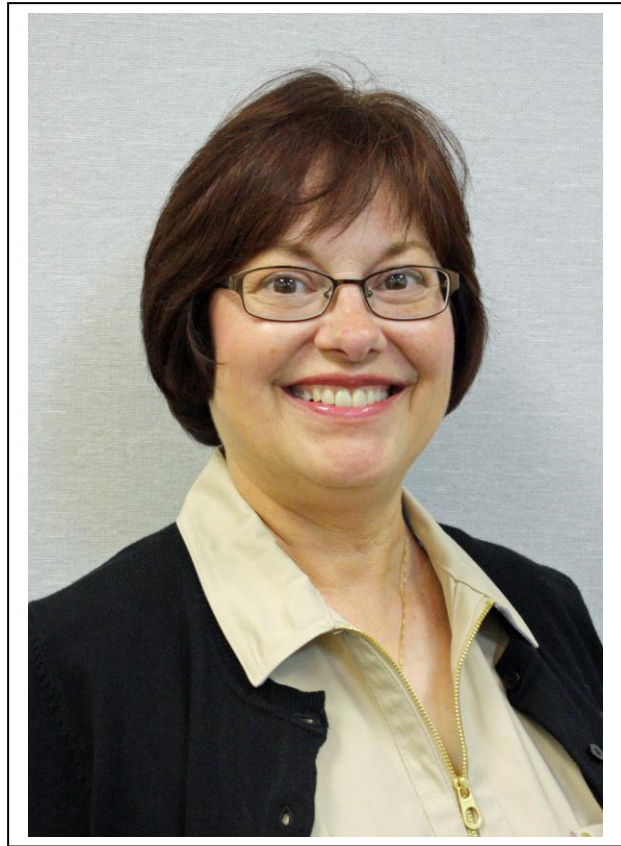
Introducing the newest members of the State Support Team for Region 2...

Patty Miller

Patty comes to the region with multiple years of experience in the field of general and special education. She has been a teacher, Director of Curriculum, building principal, Director of Teaching & Learning and an OIP Consultant. She brings to the region 35 years of education experience in developing student-focused, results oriented environments to maximize learning opportunities for all students.

Patty is a graduate of the Mount Vernon Nazarene College and received her Master's degree from Ashland University in Educational Administration. Patty is passionate about education and is enthusiastic about partnering with the districts in Region 2.

Patty's Contact Info: miller@sstr2.org • (440) 324-5777 ext. 1134

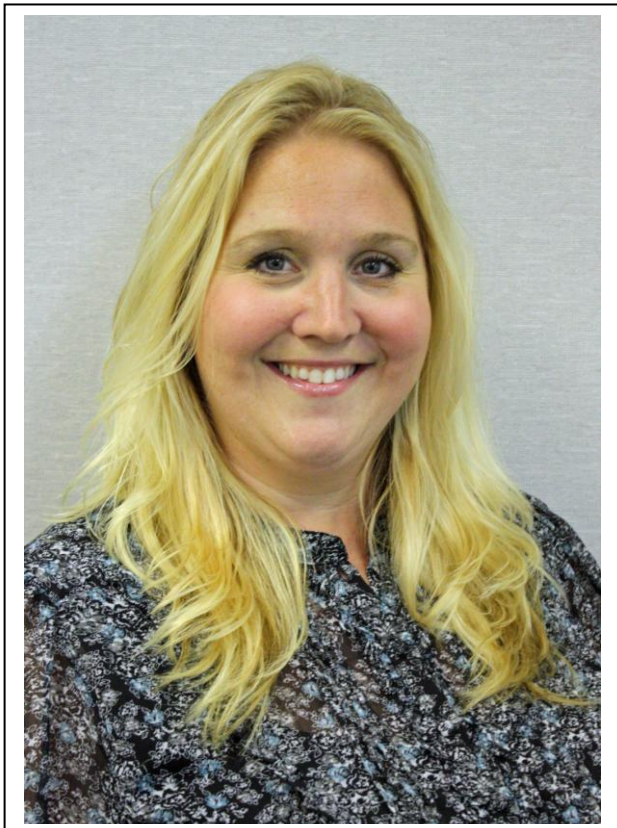


Janet McGlugrith

Janet comes to the region with over 9 years of experience in the field of education. Prior to being an Ohio Improvement Process Consultant for SST 2, Janet was an Instructional Coach, a Title 1 tutor and a classroom teacher. She currently holds an administrative license, teaching license and has her K-12 Reading Endorsement.

Janet received her Bachelor's and Master's degree from Ashland University, and is currently working on her Doctorate in Education. She loves the outdoors and spending time with her family. Janet looks forward to working with districts to sustain a district culture and educational program that is conducive to student learning and closing the achievement gap.

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Important State Support Team region 2 Changes and Information

As you prepare for the return of your staff and students I wanted to share a few changes within the State Support Team Region 2. The SST 2 have moved offices over the summer and are now located in the Northwest corner of the ESC of Lorain County. NCC currently shares this portion of the building with the SST. We invite you to visit our new office the next time that you are in the area.

As you may or may not know, Martin Linder has resigned from the SST 2 in order to accept a position with SST 8. Martin's last day was July 31st. I am pleased to announce that we have hired Patty Miller to fill the vacancy left by Martin's resignation. Patty comes to the region with years of experience in school improvement and working with educators on improving the achievement of all students. I know that you will enjoy working with Patty. Patty may be reached at miller@sstr2.org or 440-324-5777 Ext. 1134

In order to best serve the region, we decided, based on data, to replace with the 2 part-time positions formerly held by Michele Stoffan and John Komperda, and with an additional full time position. Janet McGlugritch was hired for this position. Janet has experience working in a specialized special needs school and being an adjunct instructor for Ashland University at the graduate level. Janet is no stranger to the region as she taught previously in Lorain City Schools and Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City Schools. She looks forward to working with everyone. Janet may be reached at mcglugritch@sstr2.org or 440-324-5777 Ext.1129

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HOW: The SAFE sign-up procedure is automated and authenticates users by leveraging real-time Ohio driver license and Ohio identification data. To access a secure Web application, two things must occur. First, users must request their own SAFE account, which has a unique account name and password. Second, they must have the appropriate role (or roles) assigned to them in OEDS by their OEDS and/or SAFE administrator. If these two requirements are met, then users should automatically be granted access to the application(s) for which they have authorization. SAFE also supports roles/groups not included in the OEDS system.

Registration is FREE and REQUIRED;

<https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal> Keyword: Region 2

- Sign into your SAFE account – (Establish an account -if you do not currently have one, then select STARS V2.0 and complete your user profile – one time only)
- Select: Event Search
- Search by: Region 2
- Starts between: Enter the Date of the training
- Highlight the event and click: Register for Selected Event
- Follow the steps until you reach the screen to confirm your registration

Please be sure that your STARS profile has your **current** email address, as we send pertinent information using the email address of attendees and additional training information may be shared before the training

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OAC Rule 3301-51-05 Procedural Safeguards

- Informed consent is required prior to accessing public benefits or insurance
- Discussions held during a resolution session are no longer confidential and may be used in subsequent hearings.
- The timeline of 10 days was removed, and no new timeline was given, regarding starting an FBA or reviewing a student's BIP when his or her misconduct is determined to be a manifestation of his or her disability.

OAC Rule 3301-51-06 Evaluation

- Districts must provide Rtl services during evaluation window if not already provided prior to referral.
- Children transitioning from preschool to KDG are not required to be reevaluated, if they have a current evaluation and are not identified developmental delay.

OAC Rule 3301-51-07 IEP

- At the time of an initial IEP, parents are required to be notified of the comprehensive eye exam.

OAC Rule 3301-51-08 Parentally placed nonpublic school children

- The revised rule provides clarification concerning details regarding a district's responsibility and children participating in the Jon Peterson Scholarship or Autism Scholarship.

OAC Rule 3301-51-09 Delivery of Services

- The rule clarifies language for intervention specialists and related service personnel regarding determination of workload. Ratios and age ranges still remain.
- District policies and procedures must now include annual professional development for Paraprofessionals.

OAC Rule 3301-51-11 Preschool children eligible for special education

- ESY services must be considered for all children transitioning from Part C to Part B, even if they have not had previous school experience.

OAC Rule 3301-51-21 Providing instructional materials to children with visual impairments and others with print disabilities that are listed for sale by publishers with the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

- The new rule replaces the previous rule and now requires publishers to provide to the National Instructional Materials Access Center (NIMAC)

The State Support Team Region 2 will be offering professional development sessions on the newly revised operating standards. "New Rules for Special Education: Shifting Focus from Minimum Standards to High Performance" is scheduled for 8/27/2014, 9/17/2014, 10/10/2014, or 11/21/2014. Participants need only to attend one session and pre registration in STARS is required.

SST 2 Quarterly Regional Meeting – Digging Deeper with Dr. Brian McNulty

Descriptor: Dr. McNulty will be presenting on Teacher Based Teams and Building Leadership Teams and the use of meeting protocols to frame decisions based on student data.

Location: Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center,
7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, OH 44870

Date: **6/2/2015** PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE
Time: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Cost: FREE (Hotel rooms may be purchased at the block rate of \$109.00 if booked by 5/1/2015)

Audience: Teachers, Intervention Specialists, Administrators,



The Ohio Department of Education's Office for Exceptional Children (ODE/OEC) invites you to participate in Ohio's 2014 Special Education Leadership Conference from noon on Tuesday, October 14, through Noon on Thursday, October 16, 2014. The Conference theme is "Catalyst for Change."

Registration is \$100.

Where

Greater Columbus Convention Center
Columbus, Ohio

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Friday, October 3, 2014

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Upcoming Events!

8/27/14 – Ages and Stages Questionnaire:
Social-Emotional (ASQ-SE) 8:30AM-11:30AM

8/27/14 – Early Childhood Outcomes
Summary Form (ECO-SF) 12:30PM-3:30PM

9/3/14 – Ohio’s new Early Learning
Assessment 1:00PM-4:00PM

9/4/14-9/5/14 - Instructional Practices Using
the Ohio Academic Content Standards-
Extended 8:30AM-4:00PM

9/5/14 – Breakfast with Directors (Special
Education Directors and Coordinators)
8:30AM-10:30AM

9/8/14 – Ohio’s Early Learning and Development Standards: Science Level 2
(Session 1 of 2) 8:30AM-11:30AM

9/8/14 – Ohio’s Early Learning and Development Standards: Social Studies Level 2
(Session 1 of 2) 8:30AM-11:30AM

9/12/14 – Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Teacher Training: Hybrid Format
8:30AM-3:30PM

9/12/14 - Ohio’s new Early Learning Assessment 9:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM-
4:00PM

9/17/14 - Ohio's New Rules for Special Education: Shifting Focus from Minimum
Standards to High Performance 9:00AM-3:30PM

**Check out the Event Calendar on our website @ www.sstr2.org for
many more offerings!**

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