

# Educational Highlights for Leaders

**State Support  
Team**



*Serving Erie, Huron, and Lorain Counties*

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Special Points of  
Interest:

**Registration is now  
Open!**

Referral and  
Identification of English  
Language Learners: a  
Columbus City Schools  
Perspective

Speaker: Diane Fowler,  
School Psychologist

**April 10th**

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## **A conversation with Michael Wharey, star of *Autism Awareness – Michael Wharey – Eagle Scout Project***

Michael Wharey is a high school student at Midview High School. He is in the Jazz Band, Marching Band, and Concert Band. Michael is the star and director of a popular YouTube video. Michael is a student with autism.

Find Michael's video here..... <http://youtu.be/86MXGIDG7UM>

Michael's inspirational video has been viewed over 25,000 times in over 155 countries. His message is clear: students with autism can be successful and parents of recently diagnosed children are not alone. We recently were able to sit down and ask Michael a few questions about the making of the video and how life at Midview High School is going for him.

First, Michael shared his inspiration for the video with us. He told us of a time he was in the hospital with a very bad fever. Michael's mom told the EMT who was treating Michael that Michael had autism. In Michael's words the EMT's mouth dropped open and he told Michael that his nephew was recently diagnosed with autism. The EMT told Michael that meeting Michael gave him great hope that his nephew was going to be okay. This exchange gave Michael the idea to tell parents of recently diagnosed children that they are not alone and that their children would be okay.

We were able to ask Michael a few other questions about the making of the video, about high school, and his future plans.

***Why did you choose to make a  
video to share your thoughts?***

I thought it was the best way  
to tell people.

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## Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities: Social Studies

The Ohio Department of Education is recruiting panelists to set performance standards for the Ohio Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (AASCD) grades 4 and 6 social studies tests this summer. Standard setting will take place in Columbus on **June 17 and 18**. Panelists must commit to attending both days of the meeting.

Standard setting committees are specific to a given test. Unlike other advisory committees, these committees meet only once, to recommend the performance standards (i.e., the cut scores for basic, intermediate, proficient, accelerated and advanced achievement) for a given test.

The Department will recruit up to 20 panelists. Each grade will be represented by 8 panelists plus there will be 1-2 back-ups for each committee. The majority of panelists will be intervention specialists, however, panelists may also include content specialists, administrators, educators who work with English language learners, parents, representatives from higher education and other stakeholders. All participants must be familiar and have experience with students who participate in the alternate assessment. The Department will seek diversity in gender, geographical location and type, race/ethnicity and socio-economic representation.

Individual hotel rooms will be reserved for attendees who live 45 miles or more from the meeting site. Panelists will be reimbursed for in-state mileage for travel to and from the meeting location. Panelists will also receive a monetary stipend for each meeting day. Meals and refreshments will not be provided to meeting participants.

To become involved in this committee, a nomination form must be submitted by either the nominee or someone who wishes to nominate an educator.

The form is the [Parent, Educator, Business and Community Nomination Form – Submit online!](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Testing-Forms-Rules-and-Committees/Documents-and-Forms) Found at: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Testing-Forms-Rules-and-Committees/Documents-and-Forms>

## **OIP Position Available!!!**

State Support Team Region 2 is accepting applications for an Ohio Improvement Process Consultant position. Interested candidates should submit their application packet before March 9, 2015.

The position announcement can be found on page 9 of this Newsletter.

**Still have questions about TBTs?**

**Still trying to figure out how effective TBTs operate?**

Then  
***Deep Dives into TBTs:  
Beyond the Surface***  
is for you!

Teachers in grades K-3 especially and BLT members are encouraged to come to the OIP Regional Meeting.

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
12:30-3:30 PM

Check out the flyer on page 7 of this newsletter for all the details.

### **Did you know?**

For every dollar spent on addiction prevention in Ohio, there is an economic savings of \$7 by reducing lost productivity, crime, child abuse/neglect and homelessness.

(Source: Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services Cost Effectiveness Study)

## **Don't Forget to Check Out our State Support Team 2 Facebook Page and Twitter Feeds!**



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@PBIS\_SST2  
@TTW\_SST2  
@Director\_SST2  
@OIP\_SST2  
@Literacy\_SST2

## Changes in the State Support Team Region 2 Photograph/Video Policy

The State Support Team Region 2 has made the following changes to their photograph/video policy. Participants will no longer be asked to sign individual photograph/video policy forms when attending a professional development session. Participants will, instead, agree to all terms and conditions of the State Support Team Region 2 Photograph/Video policy by signing the sign-in sheet.

The revised policy reads as follows:

*By attending and signing the sign-in sheet, I willingly give my permission to be photographed, videotaped, or otherwise recorded. My image and statements may be used in publications, which include but are not limited to, the State Support Team Region 2 website, monthly newsletters, brochures and other publications.*

*I transfer ownership of my participation including all author's rights, copyrights, or other claims that I may have to the State Support Team Region 2, 1885 Lake Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035. 440-324-5777*

*I release State Support Team Region 2 administrators and personnel employed or contracted by the State Support Team from any and all liability arising out of my participation or inclusion in publications, productions and programs which may be produced.*

*I do not expect, nor will I receive, financial remuneration, royalties or compensation of any kind for any photos or videos of my participation or appearance. I fully understand that neither I nor my heirs or assigned representatives have any claims whatsoever concerning my appearance and participation.*

*I understand that it is my responsibility to notify a State Support Team Region 2 staff member immediately in writing if I do not wish to be photographed or videotaped.*

Participants can receive a copy of the policy by requesting a copy of the policy from an State Support Team 2 staff member or by viewing the policy on the State Support Team 2's website. The policy can be located by clicking on the About Us tab and then on the Professional Development Opportunities link, which is located on the left side of the About Us page.

If a participant does not wish to be photographed or videotaped then it is his or her responsibility to notify a State Support Team 2 staff member immediately in writing.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding the changes or the State Support Team Region 2 Photography/Video Policy please contact Tracy Lichtenfels, Director, at [lichtenfels@sstr2.org](mailto:lichtenfels@sstr2.org).

### Did you know?

According to the Ohio Hospital Association and Ohio Department of Health, each day nearly five (5) Ohioans die because of drug-related overdoses.

### **Squirrel Logic with Dr. Brad Lander Examines Brain Changes in Adolescents with Addiction Challenges**

*Squirrel Logic* with Brad Lander, PhD, LICDC-CS, Clinical Director of the Addiction Medicine Department at The Ohio State University is being presented in partnership with the Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board and Communities That Care. Dr. Lander is an outstanding presenter who describes the information on addiction research in a manner in which parents and educators can truly understand. If you have children or students who are struggling with addiction, you will find this evening presentation very useful and informative. Please spread the word and plan to attend.

**See the flyer on page 6 in this newsletter for more details.**



# 2015 Assistive Technology Vendor Fair

**Hosted by SST 2 in collaboration with SSTs 1, 6, and 7**

Sawmill Creek  
400 Sawmill Creek Dr.  
Huron, Ohio 44839

April 21, 2015  
9:00am to 3:00pm

**Education Professionals Registration:**

Register on STARS at  
<https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal/>  
search by date

**Families and Others Registration:**

Please contact: Vicki Barbaro  
(440) 324-5777 x1107

Learn how to use technology to eliminate barriers.

Attend hands-on product demonstrations showcasing technology that can increase access and engagement with the curriculum.

See how technology can enhance learning opportunities for individuals and entire classrooms which can translate into achievement gains.

**No Registration Fee!**

**Door Prizes!**

**Lunch Included With Registration**



**Collaborators**

SST 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, OCALI, CISAM, and AT Ohio

**What was the most difficult part of creating the video?**

Directing that many people (100+)

**Who do you hope sees the video and why?**

Parents of recently diagnosed autistic children

**What kind of response or feedback have you received?**

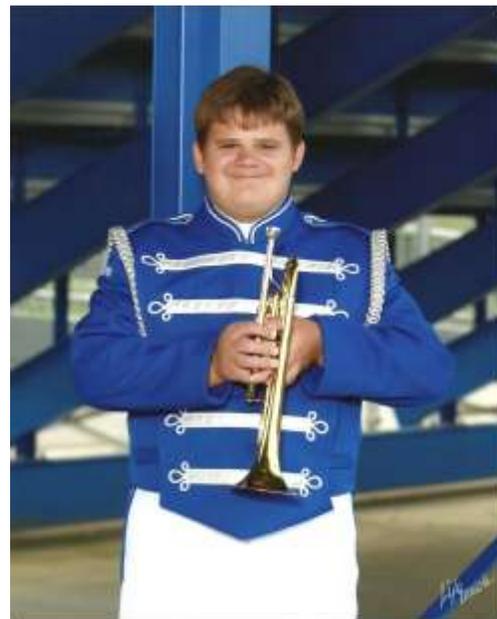
They liked it. I even got a response from Katy Perry herself.

**What is your favorite part about Boy Scouts?**

The camping trips. I especially like Beaumont. I go about 6 times a year to outings and have 45 merit badges.

**What is one of your favorite parts about High School?**

Extra-Curricular Activities. I am involved in Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Amine Club, ROTC, and Scouting.



**What advice would you give to other students with autism?**

To not quit. Some quit and some don't. Also, don't let someone else do stuff for them.

**What is your biggest challenge?**

Trying to keep grades up so I can get into a good college.

**What are your plans after High School?**

Plan to go to college, Baldwin Wallace College or Wharton School of Business, and run a business.

Thank you to Michael and his mother, Judy, for providing us the pictures for this article. Thank you to Midview High School for allowing the time and location for the interview.



**FREE TRAINING:**  
**Understanding Addiction: Squirrel Logic**

Adolescence is a time of great change and growth. It is difficult in the best of circumstances but much more so when alcohol and drug use is involved. Substances can cause changes in thinking, emotions and brain development that can last throughout a person's lifetime. Experimentation and casual use is common. Most teenagers do not see this behavior as dangerous, and many don't understand what is meant by "abuse". This talk will look at current patterns and trends of alcohol and drug use among adolescents, the long term consequences of using, and prevention and treatment strategies.

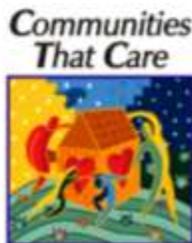
Presented by:

**Brad Lander, PhD, LICDC-CS, Clinical Director of the Addiction  
Medicine Department at The Ohio State University**

**When: Wednesday, February 25, 2015**  
**Time: 6:00—8:00 pm**  
**Place: Greater Victory Christian  
Ministries**  
**559 Reid Avenue**  
**Lorain, OH 44052**

For more Information contact  
Elaine Georgas at 440-282-9920 or  
email:  
Georgas@lorainadas.org  
CEU's/RCH's available

**Who should  
attend?**  
**Parents, Teachers,  
Counselors, Faith  
Leaders, Youth  
Leaders, Service  
Providers, School  
Administrators,  
Medical Personnel**



# Deep Dive Into TBTs *Beyond the Surface*

**Tuesday  
March 3, 2015**

**12:30 PM -  
3:30 PM**

**(sign in begins at  
noon)**

## **Target Audience:**

Administrators  
OIP Facilitators  
DLT members  
BLT members  
TBT members  
Coaches  
Interventionists  
Title 1 Support

## **Held at:**

**SSTR2 / ESCLC  
1885 Lake Avenue  
Elyria, OH 44035**

## **Sponsored by:**

**State Support Team  
Region 2**



Supporting Erie, Huron,  
and Lorain Counties

**Presented by:  
Janet McGlugritch and Patty Miller**

*This professional development  
opportunity is designed for all educators.*

## **Purpose:**

Provide a deeper understanding of how to use the 5-step process in teacher-based teams to improve instructional practices

## **Materials to need to bring:**

Copy of most recent TBT minutes from your team/  
building

## **Showcasing a TBT sharing their journey with the 5-step process**

\*Attendees will receive a certificate of attendance for 3 hours at the conclusion of the meeting.\*

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**Registration is FREE and REQUIRED;  
Register in STARS by March 2, 2015**

**<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*

Highlight the event and click: *Register for Selected Event*

Follow the steps until you reach the screen to confirm your registration

Select: *Yes*

**Please be sure that your STARS profile has your current email address, as additional training information may be shared before the training date.**

Contact Vicki Barbaro at 440-324-5777 ext. 1107 or [barbaro@sstr2.org](mailto:barbaro@sstr2.org) if you require assistance with registering.

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# Referral and Identification of English Language Learners: A Columbus City Schools' Perspective

Date:  
4/10/15  
Time:  
1PM-3PM

## Target Audience:

Building Principals,  
Intervention  
Specialists, SLPs,  
OTs, PTs,  
Teachers, Special  
Education  
Directors and  
School  
Psychologists

## Held at:

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1885 Lake Ave.  
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## Presented by:

### Diane Fowler, School Psychologist

Ms. Fowler will discuss the role of the school psychologist in the referral process for ELL students who schools may suspect them of having a disability. She will also present the New Guidance Document for the Referral and Identification of English Language Learners with Disabilities as designed by the Ohio Department of Education and an ELL-SWD work group.

### ***A drawing will be held for free books!***

"Essential of Cross-Battery Assessment" by Dawn P. Flanagan,  
Samuel O. Ortiz, Vincent C. Alfonso

&

"Developing Cross-Cultural Competence: A Guide for Working with  
Children and Their Families, Fourth Edition (Developing Cross-  
Cultural Competence)" by Eleanor Lynch, Ph. D.

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## VACANCY NOTICE

JOB TITLE: Ohio Improvement Process Consultant

- QUALIFICATIONS:
- 1 Masters degree in education, special education, education administration or appropriate field or evidence of equivalency;
  - 2 A thorough understanding of the intended outcomes of OIP implementation and an understanding of the standards of essential practice outlined in Ohio's Leadership Developmental Framework (including the OLAC modules and formative assessment);
  - 3 Experience implementing the OIP;
  - 4 Five years successful classroom teaching, school improvement planning, special education administration or related experience; a license appropriate to the individual's profession (special education, administration, intervention specialist, related services personnel, etc.);
  - 5 Demonstrated knowledge of IDEA and ESEA;
  - 6 Expertise and/or significant leadership experience in several of the following areas:
    - i Data analysis, including data-based decision making and thorough understanding of Ohio's accountability system;
    - ii Research-based instructional practices, particularly development and implementation of strategies to support diverse learners (academic, UDL and PBIS);
    - iii Focused planning, including use of strategic problem solving;
    - iv Coaching and consultation skills;
    - v Implementation and monitoring of improvement efforts;
    - vi Culturally responsive practices;
    - vii Delivery of high quality professional development;
    - viii Resource management; and
    - ix Special education.

REPORTS TO: Director State Support Team Region 2

CONTRACT: Twelve (12) months

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- 1 Assist districts with understanding OIP systems and supports.
- 2 Assist districts, as requested, with identifying their DLT/BLT/TBT.
- 3 Facilitate and/or support the OIP using the identified protocols and tools with assigned LEAs.
- 4 Provide HQT/PA/PD to DLTs/BLTs/TBTs regarding curriculum, instruction and assessment implementation within the parameters of the performance agreement to build their capacity to work with BLTs and TBTs.
- 5 Support TBTs in the utilization of the 5 Step Process through PD and coaching.
- 6 Collect and provide evidence of implementation and impact of work with districts/buildings according to the process outlined by ODE.
- 7 Provide ongoing updates to the SST Director regarding the progress of the SST work with the districts.
- 8 Support OIP facilitators through monthly meetings.
- 9 Submit on a regular basis current and relevant information for on the SST 2 website, newsletter, and reports
- 10 Attend and actively participate in all SST meetings.
- 11 Attend and actively participate in all ODE required meetings and statewide trainings.
- 12 Perform any related duties as may be assigned by the Director State Support Team Region 2.

**Interested candidates should submit the following via mail or fax:**

Cover letter emphasizing qualifications	Up-to-date resumé	3 letters of recommendation
Copy of valid licenses	Completed application form	

Forward to: Tracy Lichtenfels, Director  
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Phone: (440) 324-5777 ext 1136 Fax: (440) 324-7355

**DEADLINE DATE: March 9, 2015**

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[www.sstr2.org](http://www.sstr2.org)

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## Upcoming Events!

3/3/15 – Early Childhood Task Force  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

3/3/15 – OIP Regional Meeting  
12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

3/5/15 – Being an Effective Para-Professional  
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

3/6/15 – Breakfast with Directors  
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

3/13/15 – Ohio’s Early Learning and  
Development Standards Overview  
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

3/13/15 – Program Improvement with Measures of Quality 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

3/13/15 – Vizzle 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

3/16/15 - Program Improvement with Measures of Quality 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

3/17/15 - HQT for Moderate to Intensive Intervention Specialists - SOCIAL  
STUDIES, Day One of Three 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

3/20/15 - Using Technology in the Early Childhood Setting - Technology 1  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

3/25/15 – Augmentative and Alternative Communication 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

**Check out the Event Calendar on our website @ [www.sstr2.org](http://www.sstr2.org) for  
many more offerings!**

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