

GOOD NEWS

DISTRICT SUPPORT

The arrival of a new year brings refreshed ambitions and recharged drives as the KCM moves full speed ahead into spreading math goodness throughout 2023. In October of 2022, the KCM had their strategic planning meeting to determine the best and most effective way to use our time and resources going into the new year. Out of the seven action plans put in place, one main focus will be increased district collaboration and support.

District support from KCM comes in many various forms, such as customized professional learning courses, working with the Kentucky Department of Education to host KY Family Math Nights (KCM provides upwards of \$25k in resources and funds so that schools can implement an effective family math event), and so much more. When asked about KY Family Math Night, KCM Regional Consultant Lisa Riggs (who facilitates our Family Math learning courses), had this to say: "Recently, 20 teachers presented information about their successes during their fall family math



events. As they shared their family math event successes, colleagues were able to walk away with a bank of new ideas as well. We are now planning for our spring events and looking forward to increasing family engagement and student success across Kentucky." Through our support, KCM shows a physical, mental, and financial investment and commitment to our districts while maintaining our long-term vision for increased educator and student achievement.

The KCM has so greatly appreciated collaborating with the districts across the state of Kentucky, and has been able to see first hand the positive effect that it has. Dustin Whitis, principal of Breckenridge-Franklin Elementary in Jefferson County, says, "I have cherished our partnership with KCM over the past few years. KCM has been an integral part of our teachers' understanding of the CRA framework. Because of this work with KCM, we are seeing growth in the mathematical instructional practices being utilized by our teachers, and this is leading to increases in student achievement in mathematics."

Assistant Superintendent of
Muhlenberg County schools, Matt
Perkins, has also seen the positive
effect KCM has had regarding our
work within their district, saying: "I
recently surveyed our elementary
school principals to provide
feedback from their teachers
regarding our work with KCM and
they were overwhelmingly positive:
'We can't get enough. Please
continue setting aside funds to cover
these wonderful learning
opportunities.' As a district, we feel
our partnership with KCM is



This image captures a small handful of the resources provided by KCM.

truly transforming math learning for our students."

Along with our ongoing work in spreading math goodness, the KCM has also shown that it will be there to support our KY districts in times of dire need as well, such as the disastrous floods in Eastern Kentucky this past July/August. When Kentucky Math Teacher Leader Amanda Holbrook, of Martha Jane Potter Elementary, reached out to KCM about their school being ravaged by the floods, the KCM jumped right in by sending any and all needed resources that we could provide. The KCM staff feels privileged to be able to continue to collaborate and work with our wonderful district leaders and educators to support our math vision in our schools and districts.

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