Regional Educational Laboratories

* The Pacific Region contains Hawaii, pictured on the map, and American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, & Yap), Guam, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, & the Republic of Palau, not pictured on the map.
Agenda

1. Project overview
2. Defining a research agenda
3. Next steps
4. Closing
What is an environmental scan?

An environmental scan is a process of studying and analyzing the current and emerging forces that exist within an educational organization's environment.

It provides comprehensive information on the current conditions in the county and/or state that may represent potential program opportunities.

(Boone, 1992; Boone, Safrit, & Jones, 2002)
Project process map

- Develop a plan and define scope
- Gather data from extant sources
- Develop district-wide survey
- Administer survey and analyze responses
- Conduct interviews and focus groups (MMSD)
- Design data collection tools
- Develop a coding scheme
- Analyze the data (MMSD)
- Finalize reports and products

November 2018 - May 2019
Roles and Responsibilities

REL Midwest will:

• Deliver training sessions, including providing necessary readings, tools and technical support to complete the scan.

• Conduct up to eight interviews, observe MMSD interviews and focus groups, and provide feedback.

• Assist MMSD with developing a coding scheme.

• Assist MMSD in creating final report and other research products.
Roles and Responsibilities

MMSD will:

- Attend and participate in all training sessions.
- Gather extant data as needed.
- Collect new data through focus groups and interviews.
- Co-develop a coding scheme.
- Participate in collaborative analysis and interpretation.
- Collaborate to write final report.
- Provide feedback on other related project products.
Defining a research agenda
Activity: Defining Research Questions

• What do we **want to know** about literacy programming in MMSD?

• What do **we think we know** about literacy programming in MMSD?

• What student outcomes are of interest to the district and connected to MMSD priorities?

• What do we want to know about how these programs operate?
Scope and logistical considerations

• What are the programs, practices, interventions of interest based on our research questions?

• Is there more information that we need to gather to clearly define the scope of this project?

• What kind(s) of end-products do we want to come out of this project?

• What is the capacity of MMSD to conduct data collection activities (time and resources)?

• What is a reasonable timeline to complete the next phase of data collection?
Next steps
Preparation for next meeting

Define the tasks to be completed prior to next meeting.

Assign responsibility for each task.

Set the next meeting dates.
Next meeting

Focus:
1. Develop survey items.

2. Create high level priorities and plan for administration and analysis.

3. Plan next steps for interviews and focus groups.
See you next time!