



Shining a path forward: Governing Board meeting provides inspiration and insight

In May, the REL Midwest Governing Board convened in Chicago for two days of rich and insightful conversation. Board members and REL Midwest staff discussed the education priorities of the region and the work to date of REL Midwest's partnerships. Additional sessions focused on equity frameworks and large-scale indicators to monitor and promote equity. We want to thank the board members who attended in person and virtually.

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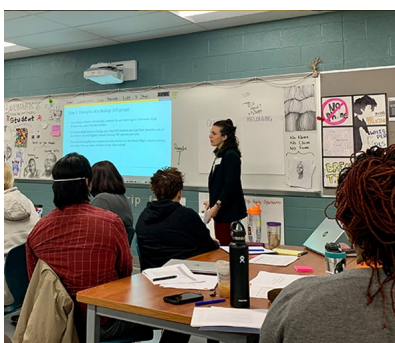
Our work



Training school leaders in action-based monitoring to reduce disparities in student sense of belonging, absenteeism, and discipline

Students with positive school experiences are more likely to be engaged and to perform well academically. Through the Data-Informed Leadership for Equity partnership, REL Midwest is guiding school leaders from Iowa City Community School District in using an action-based monitoring tool and protocol to act on data as a way to reduce disparities in student experiences in middle school.

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Building safe and supportive schools with the Making Equitable Schools Audit approach

This past winter, the Making Equitable Schools Audit partnership brought together administrators, teachers, staff, students, and parents from Ellet Community Learning Center in Akron, Ohio, to better understand equity in their school environment. This equity audit approach focuses on ensuring safe and supportive schools for all community members.

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REL resource roundup



Heat up summer learning

With the arrival of summer, continued learning is more important than ever given students' academic and social and emotional needs following the COVID-19 pandemic. We rounded up resources to help educators, families, and students build learning experiences into their summer breaks.

- To support [early reading](#) and [early math](#) learning for children in kindergarten through grade 3, **REL Midwest** collaborated with the Michigan Department of Education to develop a set of easy-to-use guides for families, out-of-school providers, and other caregivers.
- A **REL Southeast** infographic highlights [evidence-based strategies for preventing summer learning loss](#), and a **REL Appalachia** blog post shares resources that education leaders, practitioners, and families can use to [maintain momentum for summer learning](#).
- A **REL Mid-Atlantic** blog post describes how New Jersey is [engaging students in the creative arts](#) to support the development of social and emotional competencies and help students process trauma from the pandemic in a healthy, productive, and creative way.
- Developed by expert panels, **What Works Clearinghouse** practice guides can help ensure summer programming aligns with evidence-based practices. Offerings include [Structuring Out-of-School Time to Improve Academic Achievement](#) and [Organizing Instruction and Study to Improve Student Learning](#).

From the REL webinar archive

Recordings of all REL webinars are [available online](#). Check out this featured title for June as well as a recent webinar from the Comprehensive Centers:

- [Developing Culturally Responsive Educators: Teacher Preparation, Job- Embedded Support, and Professional Educator Growth Systems for Schools Serving Indigenous Populations](#), REL Southwest
- [Supporting Students Transitioning from Alternative School Settings](#), Region 9 Comprehensive Center

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