



Literacy Leaders Network Kickoff

September 28, 2023 | 9:00 – 11:00 | Virtual

(Additional dates in the network are November 16, 2023, January 18, 2024 and May 14, 2024)

Impactful Leadership: What is it? – Why it's Important – What does it look like?

The State support Team Region 1 would like to invite you to attend the kickoff session of our Literacy Leaders Network for the 2023-2024 school year. We are starting our first session this year with three amazing guest speakers. Carolyn Turner, one of Ohio's Literacy Leads, and Trevor Thomas, Superintendent and Kelly Holbrook, Assistant Superintendent from Heath City Schools. For questions on the content of this Network contact [Debbie Nagel](#). To register for this session and future sessions click [HERE](#).

Carolyn's Session Description: *As Ohio moves forward with evidence-based language and literacy practices aligned with the science of reading, districts may wonder where to start and what to prioritize. In this presentation, Carolyn Turner will share her Top Ten List for MTSS in Literacy. As districts attempt to shift practices and prioritize initiatives, this list can inspire further conversation and assist with planning.*



Carolyn Turner, M.Ed., is an Ohio Literacy Lead with the Ohio Department of Education. She advocates for reading science and has extensive knowledge of evidence-based approaches to teaching reading. Carolyn works with local, regional, and state-level instructional leaders to build their capacity to implement evidence-based reading practices in their schools. She ensures that all leaders have the appropriate knowledge, skills, and abilities to sustain change, resulting in improved instruction and successful reading achievement for all children.

Trevor and Kelly's Session Description: *Trevor and Kelly will share how intentional systematic literacy improvement efforts aligned to the Science of Reading brought real change to Heath City School District.*



Trevor Thomas, M.Ed., has served as the Superintendent of Heath City Schools for ten years, since August of 2013. Prior to that he served as an assistant superintendent, assistant high school principal, assistant junior high principal, and athletic director. He has also served as a health education and exercise physiology instructor from 2002 – 2007. Trevor graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Northern University, a Master of Education degree from Ashland University, and a Doctor of Education degree from Ohio University. He currently serves on the Ohio Dyslexia Committee, and has served on a value-added advisory committee with the Ohio Department of Education.



Kelly Holbrook, M.Ed., has served as the Assistant Superintendent of Heath City Schools for the last 10 years and focused much of that time on improving literacy practices within the district. During her 25 years in education, she has had the privilege of working in four different school districts and has taught both general education and special education. She has also served as a behavior specialist, special education coordinator and building principal. Kelly graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Franciscan University of Steubenville, a Master of Education degree from Marygrove College, and a Masters in Educational Leadership from Ohio University.