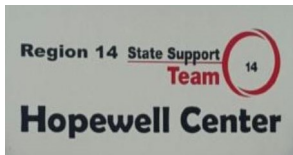


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SOESC Hosts Sit-down with Paolo DeMaria
Superintendent of Public Instruction



Ohio's 38th Superintendent of Public Instruction, Paolo DeMaria, met with superintendents from Adams, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, and Highland Counties Thursday, October 27th at the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center in an effort to open the lines of communication to discuss shaping the future of K-12 education policy.

DeMaria , a strong proponent for promoting higher student achievement, college readiness and completion, and school choice for families is known as "an unabashed cheerleader for Ohio's public schools."



The opportunity to meet with Superintendent DeMaria allowed superintendents to speak candidly about school funding, the Every Student Succeeds Act, and school report cards.

DeMaria also made stops at Miami Trace and Clinton-Massie Local Schools where he spent time visiting classrooms observing teachers teaching and students learning.

Region 14 Names Interim Director

The SOESC's Governing Board announced that they have voted unanimously to hire Mr. Jeff Royalty as Interim Director of the Region 14 Hopewell Center. Royalty replaces current director Beth Justice who was recently named Superintendent of the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center. Both Royalty and Justice will begin serving in their new positions beginning January 4, 2017.



Having served Western Brown Local Schools as a music teacher and band director, administrator and superintendent for 31 years, Royalty retired in 2010. He has since served as the ODE Southwest Ohio Race to the Top Regional Coordinator and currently contracts with the Ohio Department of Education Academic Distress Commission and the School Improvement Diagnostic Review Team.

Royalty holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Cumberland College and a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Dayton. He has also held leadership positions in various educational, civic, and community organizations.

SOESC SPOTLIGHT

Attacking the ACT

High school sophomores, juniors and seniors from area school districts wasted no time in getting a head start on planning for college by spending Saturdays in August and October attending the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center's "Attacking the ACT 101 & 102" workshops presented by Bob Brausch of Tutoring by B2. A former high school math teacher Brausch has dedicated his professional career to empowering learners to reach and exceed their educational goals and achieve their highest potential.

Geared to those students taking the ACT for the first time or looking to raise their previous test scores, the six hour workshops tackled the three components necessary for successful completion of the ACT: (1) test-taking skills, (2) mental stamina and timing, and (3) ACT content in English, math, and science.



According to Curt Bradshaw, Coordinator of Gifted Services with the SOESC, "Our first Attacking the ACT Workshops were a definite success, and I certainly commend the students who dedicated a Saturday of their weekend for ACT prep."

Area Students Selected as Ohio State FFA Officers

Once known only for its role with the Future Farmers of America, today's FFA is a dynamic youth organization within Agricultural Education that changes lives and prepares students for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. FFA engages more than half a million student members in a wide range of agricultural education activities, leading to over 300 career opportunities in the food, fiber, and natural resources industry.

The Southern Ohio Educational Service Center is proud to announce area students will serve as Ohio's State FFA Officers for 2016—2017.



Lauren Grover
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Fairfield H.S.



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State V.P.
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State V.P. at Large
Miami Trace H.S.

Learning Center & Region 14 SPOTLIGHT

Learning Center Embraces Nurtured Heart Approach



Recognizing the need to serve a more diverse student population, the Southern Ohio Learning Center works in partnership with area school districts serving students with special and unique learning needs.

The Learning Center currently serves students in both the ED classroom and Alternative Program where staff members are trained to use a positive technique known as The Nurtured Heart Approach (NHA).

The mission of the NHA is to rebuild a student's inner wealth by using positive recognitions and natural consequences. Because there is always something going right and any moment has the potential to be recognized as a moment of success, the teaching staff use verbal recogni-

tions, praise, virtue vouchers, direct social skills instruction, and daily credit sheets to focus on the moments of success for each student.

When working with students who have challenging behaviors, NHA uses three stands geared to redirect student behavior: 1. Absolutely No-We will not energize the negative. 2. Absolutely Yes-We will recognize all that is going right! 3. Absolutely Clear-Rules and consequences clear, consistent, and predictable.

According to SOLC Director Jenny Spurlock, "students typically respond to NHA with uncertainty at first as they've had such poor school experiences. When the praise and recognition continues, they begin to trust it. We often even hear students begin to use the praise and recognitions with their peers. The structure and natural consequences are also something that take time for them to get used to, as most have had the experience of being sent home or not being held accountable for their work. I have often heard students be able to clearly state the consequences of their choices based on the consistency. They also then begin to tie specific social skills to the behaviors to result in positive consequences rather than negatives."

KAMP Dovetail Hosts 5K

KAMP Dovetail hosted its Annual SATH Halloween Hustle 5K on Saturday, October 14th at the KAMP Dovetail Activity Area at Rocky Fork Lake State Park.

Sixty participants ran or walked their way through the 5K course raising funds that will benefit KAMP Dovetail.

SATH (Supplementary Assistance to the Handicapped) is a non-profit organization helping children with disabilities in Highland and surrounding counties of Ohio.



Region 14 Hosts Parent Conference

The Regional Parent Advisory Council (PAC) invited area superintendents to attend the October 11th PAC meeting. This annual event is designed to promote family engagement and build relationships.

Educators and families worked together to create promotional flyers based on Jamie Vollmer's 5s of "Schools Cannot Do It Alone," to share with their respective communities.



Professional Learning

Planning Ahead for Professional Growth & Development Opportunities

November

11/9 Preschool Supervisors' Mtg.
Region 14 Hopewell 12:30-3:30p.m.
Register Through: ODE-STARS

11/9 School Psychologist Mtg.
Region 14 Hopewell 12:30-2:30p.m.
Contact: Erin Oleen at r14_eoleen@mveca.org

11/9 Special Education Supervisor Mtg.
Region 14 Hopewell 9:00-11:30a.m.
Register Through: ODE-STARS

11/17 Feed-Up, Feedback, Feed-Forward
SOESC Wilmington 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
Register Through <https://goo.gl/HYoyxK>

11/29 ESC/OSBA Leadership Academy
SOESC Wilmington 5:15-8:30p.m.
Contact: Rhonda Cochran at 937-382-6921 ext.1036

11/29 Region 14 Governing Board
Region 14 Hopewell 8:30a.m.
Contact Stephanie Huber at so_shuber@mveca.org

11/29 Preschool Autism Training #2
Social Communication for Young Children w/ASD
Region 14 Hopewell 8:00 a.m.-3:00p.m.
Contact: Megan Trowbridge at 937-393-1904 ext. 2112

December

12/2 Clinton County Superintendents' Mtg.
SOESC Wilmington 1:30p.m.
Contact: Rhonda Cochran at 937-382-6921 ext.1036

12/6 Legal Updates
Region 14 Hopewell 9:00-11:30a.m.
Register Through: <https://goo.gl/QzArBU>

12/7 Alternate Assessment Training
Region 14 Hopewell 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
Contact: Megan Trowbridge at 937-393-1904 ext. 2112

12/7 Alternate Assessment Refresher
Region 14 Hopewell 8:00-11:00a.m. OR 12:00-3:00p.m.
Contact: Megan Trowbridge at 937-393-1904 ext. 2112

12/13 Gifted Education Regional Roundtable
SOESC Wilmington 8:30a.m. 3:30p.m.
Contact: Curt Bradshaw at 937-382-6921 ext. 1026

12/16 Curriculum Roundtables
SOESC Wilmington 9:00-11:00a.m.
Contact: Janet Yahle at 937-382-6921 ext. 1021

12/20 RSST-Hopewell
Region 14 Hopewell 8:30-11:30a.m.
Contact: Jeff Royalty at 937-393-1904 ext. 2129

January

1/11 Elementary Administrators' Forum
Hillsboro Board Office 1:00—3:00p.m.
Contact: Janet Yahle at 937-382-6921 ext. 1021

1/11 Secondary Administrators' Forum
Hillsboro Board Office 9:00-11:00a.m.
Contact: Janet Yahle at 937-382-6921 ext. 1021

1/12 Preschool Autism Training #3
Social-Emotional Competence in Young Children with ASD
Region 14 Hopewell 8:00 a.m.-3:00p.m.
Contact: Megan Trowbridge at 937-393-1904 ext. 2112

1/13 OIP EF/IF Roundtables
Region 14 Hopewell 8:30-11:30a.m.
Register Through: ODE-STARS

1/18 Preschool Supervisors' Mtg.
Region 14 Hopewell 12:30-3:30p.m.
Register Through: ODE-STARS

1/18 Special Education Supervisor Mtg.
Region 14 Hopewell 9:00-11:30a.m.
Register Through: ODE-STARS

1/20 Master Teacher
SOESC Wilmington 8:30-11:30a.m.
Contact: Rogina Conroy at 937-382-6921 ext. 1012

1/31 RSST-Hopewell
Region 14 Hopewell 8:30-11:30a.m.
Contact: Jeff Royalty at 937-393-1904 ext. 2129

February

2/2 ESC/OSBA Leadership Academy
SOESC Wilmington 5:15-8:30p.m.
Contact: Rhonda Cochran at 937-382-6921 ext. 1036

2/7 Legal Updates
Region 14 Hopewell Center 9-11:30a.m.
Register Through: <http://goo.gl/AHKVSR>

2/23 Region 14 Governing Board Mtg.
Region 14 Hopewell Center 8:30a.m.
Contact: Stephanie Huber at so_shuber@mveca.org

2/24 Curriculum Roundtables
SOESC Wilmington 9-11:00a.m.
Contact Janet Yahle at 937-382-6921 ext. 1021

2/28 RSST-Hopewell
Region 14 Hopewell Center 8:30-11:30a.m.
Contact: Jeff Royalty at 937-393-1904 ext. 2129

March

3/3 OIP EF/IF Roundtables
Region 14 Hopewell 8:30-11:30a.m.
Register Through: ODE-STARS

3/7 Elementary Administrators' Forum
SOESC Wilmington 1:00-3:00p.m.
Contact Janet Yahle at 937-382-6921 ext. 1021

3/7 Secondary Administrators' Forum
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Region 14 Hopewell Center 9-11:30a.m.
Register Through: ODE-STARS

3/22 Preschool Autism-Comprehensive Program Planning
Region 14 Hopewell Center 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
Register Through: ODE-STARS

3/24 Highland Co. Superintendents' Mtg.
Hillsboro Board Office 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
Contact: Rhonda Cochran at 937-382-6921 ext. 1036

3/28 RSST-Hopewell
Region 14 Hopewell Center 8:30-11:30a.m.
Contact: Jeff Royalty at 937-393-1904 ext. 2129

