Measure 2: Stakeholder Involvement

Each year the Department of Education reaches out to multiple stakeholders to provide updates on the education programs at RMU and seek input from stakeholders themselves. Below is a list of stakeholder events and topics for the 2020-2021 academic year.

1. Education Advisory Board Meeting April 14, 2021

The Educational Advisory Board annually brings local educational leaders and teachers together to collaborate on curriculum, educational initiatives and research possibilities. This year’s meeting focused on the following: new programs in the Department of Education, accreditation updates, grants received in the past year and the schools associated with the grants, RMU’s education centers, and updates on culturally responsive and sustaining education initiatives at RMU. The remainder of the meeting focused on school districts and their needs vis-à-vis online teaching during Covid and technology proficiency of pre-service teachers.

2. Education Conference October 12, 2020

Each year RMU hosts an education conference for local teachers and administrations. The 2020 RMU Trees Network Special Education Conference was held virtually. The conference entitled Exceptional Teachers: Navigating Through Change provided teachers and administrators to learn about a variety of topics including structured literacy, measuring growth in an online environment, developing family relationships online, and supporting students with a disability to transition into higher education and/or work.

3. Memorandums of Understanding 2020-2021

During the 2020-2021 the Department of Education at RMU continued MOUs with scores of local schools/districts and created 8 new MOUs with local schools/districts (see list below). The purpose of the MOUs is three-fold: 1) It creates an opportunity for our pre-service teachers to conduct their pre-student and student teaching experiences in a variety of schools including rural, suburban, and urban settings. This allows our pre-service teachers to experience a host of different educational environments before graduation. 2) The MOUs allow for research to take place in schools where we have an existing relationship with the school. The research strengthens educational faculty in preparing future teachers for their work after graduation. 3) The MOUs provide an opportunity to provide professional development opportunities for RMU and school districts in the region.

**MOU Agreements for the entire 2020-21 School year**
Aliquippa School District
Allegheny Intermediate Unit
Allegheny Valley School District
Ambridge Area School District
Avonworth School District
Baden Academy
Baldwin-Whitehall School District
Beaver Area School District
Bethel Park School District
Big Beaver Falls School District
Blackhawk School District
Brentwood Borough School District
South Park School District
South Side Area School District
Steel Valley School District
Sto-Rox School District
Upper St. Clair School District
Urban Pathways 6-12 Charter School
Watson Institute
West Allegheny School District
Western Beaver County School District
Western PA School for the Blind
Western PA School for the Deaf
Westmoreland Intermediate Unit
West Mifflin Area School District
Woodland Hills School District
Young Scholars of Western PA Charter School

**MOU Agreements started during the 2020-21 School year**

January 2020 - Duquesne University Reading Clinic
April 2020 - Commonwealth Charter Academy
June 2020 - Hampton Township School District
December 2020 - Riverside Beaver County School District
February 2021 - Central Valley School District
March 2021 - Trinity Area School District
March 2021 - The Bradley Center
April 2021 - West Jefferson Hills School District