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 2021-2022 academic year.

1. Education Conference October 11, 2021

   Each year RMU hosts an education conference for local teachers and administrations. The 2021 RMU Trees Network Special Education Conference was once again held virtually. The conference entitled Renew and Reconnect provided over 100 teachers and administrators with opportunities to learn about a variety of topics including numbersense, Heggerty phonemic awareness, transition, cultural concerns and AAD, connecting with parents and more.

2. Education Advisory Board Meeting April 1, 2022

   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: an overview of the programs in the Department of Education including graduate programs, accreditation updates, grants received in the past year and the schools associated with the grants, study abroad opportunities, and discussion on using the RISE simulation center for some pilot education courses including the IEP course. Advisory board members were also asked the following questions.
   1. If any board members would look at our curriculum (eced/sped) over the summer to provide input. (Those in attendance agreed to help if possible)
   2. Public perception of RMU teacher ed programs (General consensus was it is a hidden gem, excellent program, but not a big enough marketing presence)
   3. How can we improve? (Continue collaborating with districts, agencies and brainstorm ways to get the word out to the public).

3. Memorandums of Understanding 2021-2022

   During the 2021-2022 academic year the Department of Education at RMU continued MOUs with scores of local schools/districts and created 1 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 2021-22 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
The Bradley Center
Brentwood Borough School District
Burgettstown Area School District
Butler Area School District
Canon-McMillan School District
Carlynton School District
Central Greene School District
Central Valley School District
Charleroi Area School District
Chartiers Valley School District
Clairton City School District
Commonwealth Charter Academy
Connellsville Area School District
Cornell School District
Crafton Children's Corner
Duquesne University Reading Clinic
East Allegheny School District
Elizabeth Forward School District
Ellwood City Area School District
Employment Options Center McGuire Memorial
Exceptional Adventures
Fort Cherry School District
Fox Chapel Area School District
Franklin Regional School District
Freedom Area School District
Freeport Area School District
Friendship Preschool
Gateway School District
Glade Run Lutheran Services dba St. Stephen's Academy
Hampton Township School District
HAP Enterprises Tiny Tot Child Development Program
Hempfield Area School District
Hermitage School District
Highlands School District
Keystone Oaks School District
Kinder Academy of Robinson
Laurel School District
McGuffey School District
Montour School District
Moon Area School District
Mt. Lebanon School District
Neshannock Township School District
New Brighton Area School District
North Allegheny School District
North Hills School District
Norwin School District
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School
Pace School
PACYBER - Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School
Penn-Trafford School District
Peters Township School District
Pine-Richland School District
Pittsburgh New Church School
Plum Borough School District
Propel Schools
Provident Charter School
Quaker Valley School District
Red Balloon Early Learning Center
Riverside Beaver County School District
Riverview School District
Rochester Area School District
Shaler Area School District
Shenango Area School District
South Butler County School District
South Fayette School District
South Park School District
South Side Area School District
Steel Valley School District
Sto-Rox School District
Trinity Area 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
West Jefferson Hills School District
Woodland Hills School District
Young Scholars of Western PA Charter School

**MOU Agreements started during the 2021-22 School year**
Toronto City Schools, Toronto, Ohio