

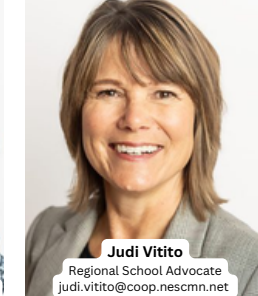
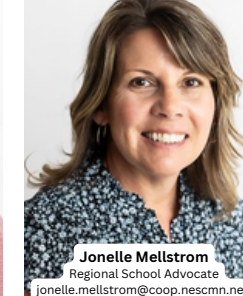
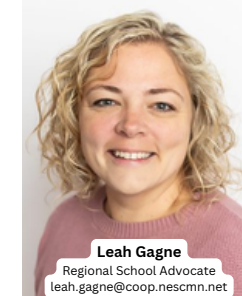
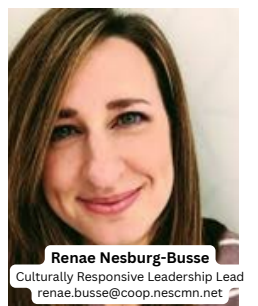
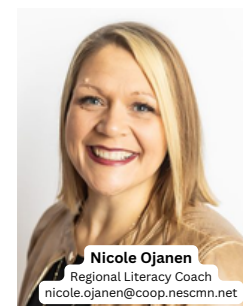
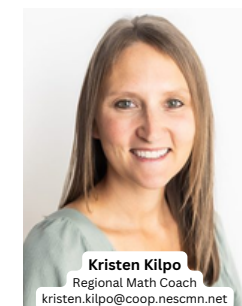
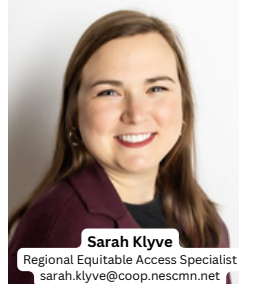
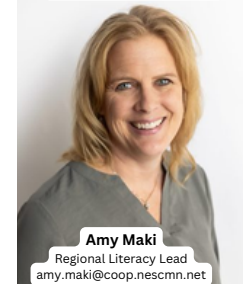
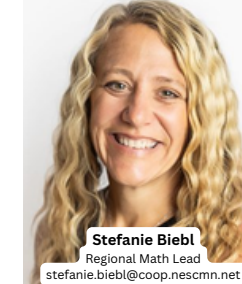
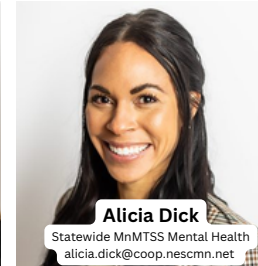
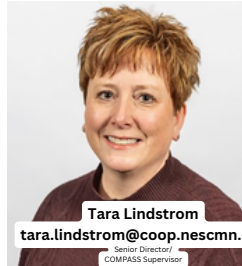


NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

- January 10: 10–11:30am NEASC 1st Friday Network
- January 15: 9–10am & 10:30–11:30 am Teacher Development & Evaluation Rubric Alignment
- January 15: 12:30–2:00 pm Supporting 2022 Math Standard Implementation
- January 16/23: 3:30–4:30pm Literacy Open Office Hours EVERY THURSDAY
- January 22: 9–11 or 1–3 pm Literacy Leaders Network
- January 29: 9–10 am & 1–2 pm Fastbridge Assessment Review
- February 12 & 13: 2–3:30pm Curriculum Open House

Meet your COMPASS team!



Happy New Year!!

BY TARA LINDSTROM

As we turn the page on a new year, we at the NESC want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support and collaboration.

We're incredibly thankful for the partnerships we've built and the opportunities we've shared throughout the past year. Your trust and support have been instrumental in our success.

We look forward to a prosperous and exciting year ahead, filled with new challenges, innovative solutions, and continued growth. We are committed to providing you with the highest quality support.

Wishing you and yours a joyous and prosperous New Year filled with happiness, success, and good health.

COMPASS info

In June of 2024, MDE created COMPASS, Collaborative Minnesota Partnerships to Advance Student Success. COMPASS is the statewide system for continuous improvement created through a collaboration between the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and the Minnesota Service Cooperatives.

COMPASS is designed to guide and support the examination and improvement of systems. We strive for equitable outcomes and by prioritizing access to strong tier 1 instruction for all Minnesota students.



Literacy Update

AMY MAKI & NIKKI OJANEN

In partnership with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and the Minnesota Service Cooperatives, we are excited to launch the Regional Literacy Network (RLN). The RLN provides assistance to all school districts in achieving the MN READ Act goal of "All students reading at grade level every year." The COMPASS Regional Literacy Lead is Amy Maki (amy.maki@coop.nescmn.net) and the COMPASS Regional Literacy Coach is Nikki Ojanen (nicole.ojanen@coop.nescmn.net). Virtual literacy office hours are available every Thursday from 3:30-4:30 to help support teachers and leaders with literacy and READ Act questions. [Literacy Office Hours link.](#)

Website: [READ Act Page](#)

Math Update

STEFANIE BIEBL & KRISTEN KILPO

There is something for everyone to grow and connect in mathematics education this winter. Check out the highlights below and join us on this journey or check out this [flyer](#) for more options.

- **Math Leaders Book Club** - Open to anyone with many titles to choose from. [Register Here](#)
- **MCTM Symposium Registration** - Graham Fletcher and Howie Hua will be speaking. [Register Here](#)
- **Math Practice Webinars with Sara Van Der Werf** - Wednesday Mornings before school. [Register Here](#)
- **January Minnesota Math Leaders Meeting** - You do not have to be in a leadership role to join this group. If you teach math you are a math leader. - [Register Here](#)

Watch for NESCS sessions on Math Practices and the 8 Teaching Practices coming soon!

Equitable Access

SARAH KLYVE

Happy New Year! Here are some of the things I have been doing within our region:

- Working on monthly Professional Development and Communities of Practice starting in February
- Facilitating data dives with districts around student data
- Using a "day in the life" tool to take a closer look as to what access students on IEPs are given to quality instruction

I would love to connect and see how I can support students on IEPs accessing Tier 1 instruction in your district!

Cultural Responsive Leadership

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Teacher Development and Evaluation Rubric Alignment

The teacher development and evaluation (TDE) statute has changed, impacting all Minnesota school districts and charter schools. The updated statute requires instructional frameworks to embed culturally responsive methodologies, aligned to the 2023 PELSB Standards of Effective Practice by school year 2025 - 2026. The statewide CRILL team is hosting two 1-hour sessions to help support districts with this work on January 15, 2025. [More information about the 2 sessions and to register.](#)

Curriculum Materials Open House at NESCS, February 12 & 13

NESCS has been hosting a Community of Practice on the curriculum adoption process that began in October. In February, participants of the community of practice will spend the day with vendors and materials, hearing about their products and asking questions based on their selection criteria.

The NESCS is opening the vendor showcase to all districts in the region for the last 2 hours of each day, for school leaders to view materials and connect with vendors. If you would like to join us on either / both of these days, please [register here](#).

MnMTSS information

Are you interested in learning more about the MnMTSS framework and ways that we can support your district align systems to support all students, staff, families and the community? An informational session about MnMTSS support and future regional PD will be in February. Watch for more information.

An MnMTSS grant opportunity just opened for those districts that have participated in the 6-session course through MDE. [Here is a link to the grant information page.](#) The grant deadline is January 30th. 21 grants will be awarded with up to \$200,000 for each district.

Reach out if you have any questions or if you want to set up a meeting! I look forward to working with you!

[MDE MnMTSS link](#)

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Regional Engagement Data:

- 48 districts/charters in the region
- 5 MnMTSS grant districts - 14 regional districts engaged in MnMTSS MDE cohorts
- 27 districts engaged in literacy network/support
- Over 100 hours of direct support for schools around Equitable Access to Tier One instruction for students on IEP's
- 200+ hours of school support implementing evidence based practices and school improvement plans with a school advocate



Thank you so much for taking time to read our first regional NESCS newsletter! We hope to bring information to you monthly about educational offerings, updates from MDE and more. Please reach out if you have any questions!