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GOOD NEWS



KENTUCKY MATH TEACHER LEADERS SUMMER WORKSHOP

On July 11th, 2023, in Lexington, Kentucky, the Kentucky Math Teacher Leaders convened for a day dedicated to revitalizing their mathematics leadership abilities, deepening their understanding by networking with their peers, and reaffirming their dedication to advancing mathematics in the state of Kentucky.



GROWING LEADERSHIP

Kentucky Mathematics Teacher Leaders are enthusiastic classroom educators who exhibit unwavering dedication to mathematics education. These handpicked math leaders collaborate with forty like-minded teachers from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky to refine and broaden their skills in leadership, mathematics content, and pedagogy. Guided by the Kentucky Center for

Mathematics, KyMTL leaders evolve into genuine trailblazers, fostering transformation within their schools, districts, across the state, and even in various nationwide initiatives. These leaders, equipped with the principles of Equity, Pedagogy, Leadership, and Mathematics, feed their passion for improving mathematics education by engaging in immersive learning opportunities and gaining insights into optimal mathematical teaching practices from recognized national authorities.

During this summer workshop, the participating teachers had the privilege of enriching their knowledge through the expertise of esteemed educators such as Dr. Jonathan Thomas from the University of Kentucky, Dr. Kate Marin from the University of Louisville, Dr. Kanita DuCloux from Western Kentucky University, Dr. Dee Crescitelli from the Kentucky Center for Mathematics, and Dr. Funda Gonulates from Northern Kentucky University.



SPIRAL UP!

Throughout the session, these luminaries guided discussions spanning a spectrum of vital themes, including fostering a strong math identity, cultivating effective team-building skills, and nurturing positive attitudes towards mathematics. Our leaders immersed themselves in exercises using comprehensive strategies, as the experts shared insights on nurturing a growth-oriented learning mindset within educational institutions.



Dr. Jonathan Thomas (UK) speaking to KyMTL teachers about Math Identity.

After the summer workshop, KyMTL educators departed with a renewed sense of inspiration and a profound passion to apply their acquired skills, carrying forward their unwavering commitment to their educational mission. They will continue to meet monthly, as well as attend the upcoming winter workshop, in order to continue leading change in their classrooms, schools, and beyond!



Dr. Kanita Ducloux (WKU) guiding KyMTL teachers through a workshop exercise which fostered different avenues of thinking.

The influence of a KyMTL extends past classroom confines to encompass their school, district, and the entirety of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Are you eager to grow your skills in leadership, mathematics content, and pedagogy? Consider becoming a Kentucky Mathematics Teacher Leader! Contact Dr. Funda Gonulates at gonulatesf1@nku.edu for more information.

Barren County Kentucky Math Teacher Leaders- Broderick Davis, Tyler Hensley, Heather Hatcher, Bridget Strode, Jackie Weygandt, Robert Brown (left to right)



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