Grants Pass School District ESSER III Success Story

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One of the significant investments we could make with ESSER was the addition of a TOSA (Teacher on Special Assignment)/Instructional Coach. Marci Sarver is currently in her 28th year in public education but her first as Grants Pass School District 7 Elementary Instructional Coach. Her primary role is supporting 1st and 2nd-year teachers to help build a strong literacy foundation.

SUCCESS!

- · Kindergarten mentees increased from 31% of students at or above the benchmark composite reading level in September to 61% in January.
- 1st-grade mentee moved two students at the intensive level and one at the strategic level in September to the benchmark level in January.
- 1st-grade mentee moved 9 out of 12 students from the intensive and strategic level of Phoneme Segmentation fluency to the benchmark level.

"The role of Instructional Coach is imperative for our teachers because it is imperative for our students," Marci Sarver says. "Teachers are joining the profession without basic knowledge of reading instruction. My role is to help them learn and implement best reading practices to support all our learners."



Teacher on Special Assignment Marci Sarver (on the right) smiles during a training session.