(insert school district logo)

Dear (insert name)

Earlier this year, DCIU convened a County-Wide Structured Literacy Committee, bringing together literacy and school leaders from districts across Delaware County and DCIU. (Insert school district name) was proud to participate.

Together, we developed Delaware County's Structured Literacy MTSS Framework, a roadmap designed to help schools strengthen literacy instruction and student support systems.

The framework provides a clear, cohesive approach for implementing Pennsylvania's evolving literacy requirements while ensuring that all students have access to high-quality, evidence-based reading instruction and timely intervention when needed. Developed through collaboration among Delaware County educators and administrators, the framework reflects a shared commitment to improving literacy outcomes for all students across the county.

Structured literacy focuses on systematic, explicit instruction that helps students develop strong reading and writing skills. Through a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), schools can identify reading difficulties early, provide targeted support, and ensure literacy systems are equitable, data-driven, and sustainable. Within the framework, structured literacy defines how reading is taught, while MTSS defines how support is delivered and coordinated across levels of student need.

The framework is grounded in the belief that structured literacy serves as the foundation of early reading instruction and that every student deserves access to grade-level, evidence-based literacy instruction. By aligning instruction, screening, intervention, professional learning, and decision-making practices, schools can create comprehensive systems that support literacy success for all learners.

This countywide work aligns with Pennsylvania's broader literacy initiatives, including Act 55, Chapter 49, Act 135, and Act 47, which together establish expectations for structured literacy instruction, educator training, curriculum, screening, and intervention practices.

Through this collaborative effort, Delaware County schools are building a stronger, more consistent approach to literacy instruction—ensuring that students across the county receive the instruction and supports needed to become proficient readers and writers.

We encourage you to learn more on the County-Wide Structured Literacy Hub. (need link)