

# One Michigan County's Journey To Implement the Science of Reading

## Full-System Support Drives Science of Reading

Through the Public Act 122 of 2022, state of Michigan leaders are providing LETRS training at no cost to eligible pre-K-12 educators. The Saginaw ISD team took a proactive role in driving participation across all levels. The team effectively engaged and supported key stakeholders during the transition to the science of reading.

### 3 Recommendations for bringing in LETRS professional development:

#### 1 Provide support for coaches who, in turn, positively influence teachers.

“Coaches need to be in a position to support. With LETRS, it's a lot to learn; your mind is exploding with new information, and you're going to lose bits and pieces because so much is coming at you. You need a team of support from many levels.”

—Kelly Kujala, Program Director for Curriculum and Instruction

#### 2 Change starts from above. Host monthly meetings with school administrators.

“Leaders have to be well informed. You can't just put it on the reading teachers.”

—Chris Bolen, Director of Instructional Services

#### 3 Trust the science. Advance it in partnership with superintendents and curriculum directors.

“The science of reading has been around for a long time. Listen to it, follow it, drive it. Just do it. Dive into it.”

—Vic Bugni, Executive Director of Instructional Services

## Looking Ahead

Even district leaders who were skeptical are beginning to show movement. “Everybody is on board and understands the need to make a shift, even if they do it cautiously,” Bugni said. Leaders in several districts plan to integrate Lexia® Core5® Reading, Lexia® PowerUp Literacy®, and Lexia English Language Development™ into their classrooms.

**CHALLENGE:** Address low reading scores by providing professional development to coaches, school leaders, and superintendents to improve student reading scores.

**SOLUTION:** Lexia® LETRS® Professional Learning

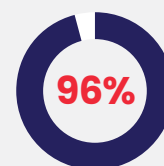
## Why LETRS?

“The learning is immense, and educators like to learn . . . We're fortunate to have LETRS, arguably the best training in the nation, available to us.”

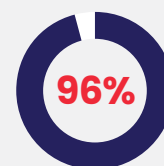
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## What Educators Say About LETRS

Across Michigan, educators are feeling more confident in their knowledge and abilities, thanks to LETRS. According to survey responses\*:



of educators feel confident delivering instruction rooted in the science of reading



of educators are able to identify and target the instructional literacy needs of students based on the science of reading.

\* (n=14,472 / n=14,496). Data from Lexia Analytics Hub, LETRS Professional Learning Session Feedback Report, 2022-2025