EDUCATOR PREPARATION BRINGS VALUE TO RI SCHOOLS AND CLASSROOMS

RI’S ED PREP PROGRAMS (EPPs) ARE HERE AS PARTNERS AS YOU CREATE YOUR COVID-19 REOPENING PLANS FOR FALL 2020

PK-12 students need more support right now, not less, and EPP educator candidates can help provide some of that support.

Our candidates support student learning by:

♦ Being self-directed and knowledgeable resources, thus becoming skilled partners in the classroom and school community.

♦ Monitoring and addressing students’ academic, social, and emotional needs through a personalized approach, including individual and small group supports.

♦ Checking in with students and families around particular issues, and providing interventions and support as needed.

♦ Contributing to the culture of professional learning by bringing new ideas, practices, and resources into the classroom.

When RI pivoted to distance learning this spring, educator candidates worked side-by-side with PK-12 educators to support and teach students.

Our candidates supported student learning by:

♦ Adapting district curriculum to the digital environment, generating content and video lessons using a variety of digital platforms.

♦ Providing digital instruction, assessment, and feedback directly to students in multiple group sizes, from whole-class to individuals.

♦ Establishing new ways of working together in the digital classroom environment to support student learning, community norms, and social-emotional health and well-being.

♦ Searching for creative and innovative solutions to issues that arise in the distance learning classroom and larger school community.

PK-12 and EPP partnerships are crucial to RI’s future educator pipeline and to supporting students and schools.

A mutually beneficial PK-12/EPP partnership can lead to:

♦ A world-class teaching force that meets the needs of our students and supports a healthy future for Rhode Island, today and in years to come.

♦ Strong 21st century learning environments that bring the best of high quality practices and culturally responsive-sustaining education, with a focus on student well-being.

♦ A unified effort to support and extend professional learning, both for pre-service and in-service educators, using the mentoring and coaching experiences of clinical educators as resources to improve student outcomes.

♦ Increasingly diverse and passionate individuals who want to become educators, who are supported in a variety of learning pathways with authentic experiences in RI schools to be fully prepared for the critical work ahead.

WORKING TOGETHER, EPPs AND PK-12 CAN CHART A POWERFUL FUTURE FOR RI STUDENTS BY ENSURING A TALENTEO AND COMMITTED TEACHING FORCE FOR OUR STATE. WE WELCOME OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTINUE TO ENGAGE IN THIS SHARED CRITICAL MISSION IN THE DAYS, WEEKS, AND MONTHS AHEAD.

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