Delaware Educator Wins Mathematics Coach Award

Educator honored as a role model for her support of teachers

July 8, 2019 — Sarah Potter of the Caesar Rodney School District in Wyoming, Delaware, won the 2019 Outstanding Mathematics Coach Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. Potter was honored at SREB's College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference on July 8 in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Outstanding Mathematics Coach Award recognizes a local coach who has supported the implementation of SREB's powerful mathematics practices by observing classrooms, providing effective feedback and helping teachers and principals use these research-based mathematics tools and strategies.

Potter collaborates with teachers to plan lessons and provides support and feedback during and after lessons. Her coaching has helped transition teachers' instructional strategies from a stand-and-deliver approach — "I do, we do, you do" — to one of student collaboration, mathematical discourse, purposeful use of proper terminology and collaborative teacher planning. With Potter's support, teachers use re-engagement strategies that help students address their misconceptions and take ownership of their learning.

The Caesar Rodney School District was so impressed with Potter's impact on coaching, leadership and implementation of SREB's powerful mathematics practices that Potter moved into a district position in which she can impact an even larger group of teachers and students.

SREB's College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference helps K-12 teachers deepen their implementation of powerful literacy and mathematics tools and strategies that enhance students' content knowledge and reasoning skills.

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