



# Project MORE Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Online Registration is now available at [www.ohioprojectmore.org](http://www.ohioprojectmore.org). Registration deadline is April 27, 2009

Greetings Project MORE Partners,

## Project MORE Continues to Outperform For Ten Years!

According to Project MORE's 07/08 independent evaluation, the results indicated that the DIBELS posttest scores increased at a statistically higher rate for Project MORE students with disabilities and students at risk for reading failure than for their classmates without disabilities (who did not receive Project MORE) in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. According to the evaluators, these findings are compelling and validate Project MORE's status as a Scientifically Based and a Value-Added Intervention for students with disabilities. Because 07/08's data has more power, the evaluators can now use the word compelling. See attached PDF or go to [www.ohioprojectmore.org](http://www.ohioprojectmore.org). Congratulations to the principals and coordinators whose efforts are reflected in this evaluation!

Unofficially, we are pleased to announce that for the first time, Project MORE will receive Federal Appropriations Funding that will allow us to implement Project MORE outside of Ohio.

It appears that Ohio will be receiving an increase in their Title I and Title VI B funding over the next two years. If your school receives increased funding, we caution you to be thoughtful about the sustainability of your Project MORE program, in the use of local resources, beyond 2011. When we created Project MORE, the intent was to create a program that was Effective, Affordable, Replicable and Sustainable such that schools could continue on their own without grant funding.

In addition to the Federal Appropriations Funding we are seeking funding through Ohio's budget for the primary purpose of expanding Project MORE in Ohio. Within the next two weeks, we will ask each of our partner schools to write a paragraph about the value of Project MORE in their building.

## Sharing Success

**Sustainable Idea:** "We value Project MORE so much that I scheduled additional planning periods/week for Project MORE coordination activities, in lieu of a stipend for the coordinator."  
Principal/Stark County

**Success Story:** "Jesse has been in the Project MORE program for two years and receives services in a unit for students with multiple disabilities. Jesse has autism and a cleft palate. Two years ago, he was nonverbal and pre-K in his reading ability. His mentor was the art teacher. Jesse began at level AA and in two years, is now at level J. He made a HUGE improvement. He now reads 76 words/minute on DIBELS." Literacy Coach/Lima

Yours in mentoring,

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