

Benefits of Project Outreach

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Students in School A

- 67% of those who had not passed ISTEP increased grade placement in word recognition.

Students in School B

- 82% increased grade placement in computational skills.
- 74% of teachers reflected more on their own teaching strategies.
"Project Outreach has opened my eyes and caused me to reflect upon and analyze everything I am doing." - Teacher Leader
- Students feel empowered to take charge of their learning.
- Students feel more successful in the classrooms.
- Students and teachers have developed mutual respect and trust.

And these are a few of the many ways that MEO is helping.

MEO Legacy For Learning



Find out how you can be a member of our **Legacy for Learning** and start your own legacy for MEO. Call 812-402-6700 ext. 312.

"Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world."

Maria Montessori



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Education is for every child.

A Loving Commitment

Since 1958, Marian Educational Outreach in the Evansville Diocese has helped students with unique learning needs reach their highest potential in the Catholic school system. That loving commitment is still hard at work, transforming the lives of *all* students in our Catholic schools... those who are struggling, those at grade level, and high-achieving learners.

Project Outreach

During 2009, MEO made big strides toward an important goal: having all schools attain a standard for Differentiated Instruction (DI). Thanks to a grant from the Welborn Baptist Foundation and funding from MEO's Annual Giving Campaign, Project Outreach brought key training to teachers in thirteen schools. Phase One schools: Corpus Christi, Holy Redeemer and Holy Spirit, Phase Two schools: St. Philip, St. Joseph (Vanderburgh County), Christ the King, Holy Rosary, Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Wendel. Phase Three schools: St. James, St. Joseph (Princeton), Mater Dei and Reitz Memorial. MEO looks forward to including more schools in Phase Four.

What is Differentiated Instruction?

DI is designed on brain-based research about learning styles, multiple intelligences and authentic assessment. Instructional strategies are based on getting to know students,

developing a repertoire of teaching strategies, developing a variety of instructional activities and identifying different ways to assess and evaluate student progress.

Teacher Leadership

As funding permits, MEO plans to extend Project Outreach to more schools during the coming year. Teacher Leadership training, conducted by professors from IU's Center for Education and Lifelong Learning, is integral to this effort. Teacher leaders bring fresh ideas and invigorate the pursuit of MEO's mission with ongoing DI professional development.

Funding Allocations

- Since 2002, MEO has donated \$123,000 to resource programs at Mater Dei and Memorial; for the 2009-2010 year, MEO pledges another \$30,000.
- Since 2005, donations totaling \$75,000 from MEO have enriched the resource program at Holy Spirit. An additional \$16,130 will go to the program this school year.
- To date, Welborn Baptist Foundation has provided \$255,000 and MEO's Annual Giving Campaign has provided \$75,000 for training in Differentiated Instruction and Teacher Leadership.

Envisioning a Brighter Future.

The director, board members and volunteers have articulated a vision to guide MEO toward tomorrow. For every school in the diocese, they see:

- Every teacher in every school trained in Differentiated Instruction and Teacher Leadership by 2012.
- At least one Resource Teacher in every school by 2014.

How Can You Help?

MEO is accomplishing great things... opening new doors through which both teachers and students alike are discovering new and cutting edge learning opportunities. We see real progress toward our mission to help *every* child reach their highest potential. But we can't do it without you. Please fill out and return the enclosed envelope with your donation so *you* can help us to accomplish our vision.

**Our children are our future.
Let's make it a bright one for them.**

"If you can't feed a hundred people,
then feed just one." – *Mother Teresa*

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