

# GYO-TESOL Program Overview



## **\$5.9 Million Grant Award**

- Awarded by Michigan Department of Education (MDE) in May 2023
- Competitive "Grow Your Own" Grant Program, AAPS received the largest grant
- Partnership with Western Michigan University (WMU)

## **Program Benefits**

100 AAPS Teachers Receiving:

- FREE Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- K-12 ESL Endorsement
- Comprehensive professional development

## **Addressing Critical Needs**

Growing English Learner Population:

- Over 1,800 English Learners currently enrolled in AAPS
- EL population has doubled in the past 10 years
- 95 languages spoken by our multilingual students and families

## **Current Staffing:**

- 35 full-time EL teachers supporting district-wide programming
- Critical shortage area requiring highly qualified educators

# Program Goals

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## Increasing Capacity:

- Build pipeline of highly qualified teachers in critical shortage areas
- Enhance cultural and linguistic responsiveness across the district
- Strengthen connections with diverse student and family communities



## Professional Growth:

- Advanced training through GYO-TESOL program
- Ongoing district professional development
- Evidence-based strategies for multilingual learners



# Impact & Success

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## Cohort 1 Achievements:

- 44 teachers successfully completed the program
- 24 Elementary TESOL graduates
- 20 Secondary TESOL graduates
- Ready to implement enhanced EL support strategies



# Cohort 1 TESOL Elementary Graduates

🎓 Amanda Watkins

🎓 Anna Milanowski

🎓 Anne Crochet

🎓 Carol DeKeyzer

🎓 Colleen Jbeily

🎓 Drew Baker

🎓 Emily DeLong

🎓 Jacqueline Smith

🎓 Jill Koeppe

🎓 Julianne Cooper

🎓 Kelly Steinhauer

🎓 Lisa Bankey

🎓 Luke Jackson

🎓 Mallory Kairys

🎓 Margaret Teall

🎓 Maria Boles

🎓 Marieta McGraw

🎓 Mary Mendoza

🎓 Maurella-Leigh Murphy-Morrow

🎓 Megan Conklin

🎓 Melissa Svastisalee

🎓 Stella Rodriguez

🎓 Stephanie Gooel

🎓 Stephanie Kahl-Burnstein



# Cohort 1 TESOL Secondary Graduates



- Anna Gonzalez
- Barbara Martin
- Christopher Sternfels
- Colleen Jbeily
- Daniel Etz
- Daniel Schmidt
- Daniel Verdugo
- Heidi Daugherty
- Jacob Engels
- Jeffrey Kabat
- Joslyn Hunscher-Young
- Kimberly Sternfels
- Kirsten Darnton
- Kristi Shaffer
- Lisa Gapa
- Maribeth Sonsara
- Renee Nassar
- Sabrina Prevost
- Samantha Stockham
- Theresa Maglothin

# Looking Forward

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## Strengthening Our Commitment:

- Continued investment in multilingual education
- Enhanced support for culturally and linguistically diverse families
- Building sustainable capacity for EL programming
- Cohort 2- Graduates April 2026
- Cohort 3- Graduates December 2026

