

CSIU program focuses on ‘Empowering Every Learner’

MILTON — Approximately 1,100 educators from 12 school districts recently came together for the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit’s (CSIU) Annual Regional In-Service Day.

Centered on the theme “Empowering Every Learner,” the event offered professional development at multiple locations, connecting educators with colleagues in similar roles to explore practical strategies for strengthening instruction and supporting students.

“The CSIU Regional PD Day, brought together 1,100 educators from across different school districts for a day of learning, networking, and sharing of resources,” said

Teresa Bartholomew, CSIU director of Educational Planning. “We are enthusiastic that this continues to be a meaningful professional learning experience for our region and we are grateful for the support from Warrior Run, Lewisburg, Selinsgrove and Mifflinburg Area School Districts, who served as host sites for the event.”

Programming across the locations addressed classroom instruction, accessibility, youth mental health, emerging technologies and subject-specific teaching practices. In addition to school district host sites, Susquehanna University and the

CSIU Central Office welcomed educators for specialized professional learning.



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Dr. Catlin Tucker presents ‘Strengthening Tier 1 Through Flexible Instructional Pathways’ during a recent program held by the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit.

The Lewisburg and Warrior Run programs featured Dr. Catlin Tucker’s keynote, “Strengthening Tier 1 Through Flexible Instructional Pathways.” The presentation explored how educators can strengthen core classroom instruction through cooperative learning, instructional videos and differentiated small-group instruction to better meet students’ varied needs.

At Lewisburg Area High School,

breakout sessions focused on topics including Pennsylvania’s STEELS standards, Advanced Placement instruction, world language teaching, environmental science and thoughtful uses of artificial intelligence. Ashlie Crosson, the 2025 National Teacher of the Year, led a session on using a change framework to assess challenges and identify actionable next steps in educators’ classrooms and professional practice.

At Warrior Run, accessibility and

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inclusive instruction were central themes. Nonspeaking autistic educator and disability advocate Jordyn Zimmerman presented “Journey Through Communication,” examining how expectations, communication barriers and access to tools can shape opportunities for students with disabilities. Additional sessions explored multilingual learner supports, student behavior, mathematics, cooperative learning, STEAM and responsible uses of artificial intelligence. An Apple Accessibility Playground offered hands-on opportunities to explore technology features that support student learning.

At Selinsgrove Area Middle School, Dr. Sam Faulkner presented “Trends in Youth Mental Health: What’s Driving the Current Crisis and What Schools Can Do About It.” The keynote examined emerging student needs and practical ways schools can recognize concerns, respond effectively and connect students with appropriate care, including through the NEST Clinic. The site also offered professional learning for health and physical education teachers, art educators, school librarians, nurses, counselors, social workers and school psychologists. Topics

included internet safety, teen gambling, instructional standards and effective feedback.

Business educators gathered at Susquehanna University for the CEBEE Teacher’s Workshop. The program featured Grace Jo of North Korean Refugees in the USA and Monice Maurice of Bourne High School in Massachusetts, with presentations exploring cooperation and the integration of business and personal finance in Advanced Placement coursework. Breakout sessions addressed reflective learning, entrepreneurship, engaging students through accounting examples from popular culture and the AP Business with Personal Finance course.

Music educators gathered at the CSIU Central Office for programming with the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association.

Across the locations, the day provided opportunities for educators to exchange ideas, build professional connections and explore approaches relevant to their students and teaching responsibilities. The shared focus on empowering every learner connected academic instruction, student well-being and access to meaningful learning opportunities.



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Tanya Dynda, CSIU Instructional Technology and STEM Specialist presents ‘Don’t Let AI Steal the Struggle.’