Welcome to the 2026 Winter Symposium
"Tier One Instruction: Establishing Look-Fors in Teaching and Evaluating Whole Group Learning"

7:30 a.m. – 8:15a.m.	Registration & Breakfast	Hearth Room
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions	Grand Ballroom
8:30 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	**Morning Overview:** The Case for Strong Whole Group/Tier One Instruction	Grand Ballroom
9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.	Break Outs A-C	TBA
10:00am – 10:55 a.m.	Break Outs A- C	
11:00 p.m. - 11:55 a.m.	Break Outs A- C	
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Hearth Room
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	**Afternoon Overview:** Whole Group Instruction Skills and Expectations: What Does it Look Like?	Grand Ballroom
2:00p.m. – 3:00p.m.	**Round table discussions** on observing and evaluating strong whole group instruction (chosen district leaders sharing best practices)	Grand Ballroom
3:00p.m. – 3:30pm	**DESE Update**: Shaun Bates: Standards, Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator |Office of Quality Schools Grade-Level Equivalence: The DESE Approach to this issue.	Grand Ballroom
3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Wrap-Up/Closing	Grand Ballroom
5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Attendee Reception	Hearth Room
5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Symposium Networking Dinner	Hearth Room

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

| 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. | Breakfast | Hearth Room |

| 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | **Keynote:** *"Effective Tier 1 Instruction to Address Early Reading Challenges"* *Presenter: Karyn Tomkinson,* National Manager at hand2mind. Karyn, a 20+ year veteran of public education, has extensive experience in leading transformative literacy initiatives grounded in the science of reading. | Grand Ballroom |

| 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Guest DESE Speaker: Dr. Susan German: Susan German is the Coordinator of Curriculum at the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Susan will expound on DESE instructional updates and ideas about Tier One Instruction. | Grand Ballroom |

| 11:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. | Conference Wrap-Up | Grand Ballroom |

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Literacy Group Step 2 Meeting
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Computer Science K-12 Meeting
Grand Ballroom – Old Kinderhook