

## The Problem

At the onset of the pandemic, schools had to pivot quickly to deliver remote, hybrid or blended education opportunities to more than 1.6 million students in the face of significant initial challenges, including:

- Students lacked access to internet connectivity and technology devices;
- Schools lacked appropriate learning options for vulnerable student populations;
- School leaders had a hard time understanding how often educators were connecting with students; and
- Educators lacked training on how to implement high-quality remote education.

## Strategies

- Launched **RemotEDx** to assemble public and private partners, capacity builders and educators to enhance remote education opportunities.
- Established **Coordinating Council** to continuously inform the focus and direction of RemotEDx.
- Created the **Connectivity Champions** to provide boots-on-the-ground connectivity and technology support.
- Launched the **Exchange** to expand remote education options and resources for students, educators and families.
- Deployed the **Support Squad** to provide professional learning opportunities and establish continuous feedback loops.
- Partnered with **Philanthropy Ohio** to launch the **OCER grant** to help schools improve remote education outcomes and practices.
- Awarded **grants to non-profit partners** to increase access to remote education opportunities and support students and educators.

## Impact

- Served approximately **1 million students and 50,000 educators** across all 88 Ohio counties.
- **Improved and increased coordination** among RemotEDx partners and the education community.
- Engaged directly with schools and families across all 88 Ohio counties to **provide more than 600 connectivity or technology related services**.
- Coordinated and curated **over 80,000 free digital resources** for students, educators and families that have been used in 86 counties, 44 states and 26 countries.
- Provided professional development **opportunities to 2,950 educators and support up to 10,500 students in 87 counties**.
- **Funded 57 projects** to help schools and districts improve remote education practices and outcomes, **impacting more than 895,000 students**.
- Awarded grants to school partners to transform and increase access to remote opportunities to **more than 96,907 students and 12,330 educators**.

## Future

- The Ohio Department of Education plans to dedicate future federal funds to expand the foot-print and increase the impact of RemotEDx.
- Reimagine and re-engineer the delivery of high-quality whole-child focused education opportunities.
- Partner with BroadbandOhio to understand and address internet connectivity and technology challenges for schools and families.
- Leverage RemotEDx and other programs to develop peer-to-peer tutoring, technical supports and computer science curriculum.
- Fully equip school districts and teams to support students and address attendance and engagement challenges.
- Deploy survey to OCER grantees to understand student, educator and parent voices and perspectives.
- Invite non-profit partners to participate in the RemotEDx Networked Learning Academy.