

Discussion Activity

SST COACHES: COMMON CHALLENGES

How would you advise an SST Coach for Partnerships to solve these challenges?

What challenge have YOU met already in your preliminary work with the OhSFEC project?

- 1** **Monthly meetings with District Leader(s) for Partnerships.** One District Leader never attends your monthly meetings. When contacted, the leader apologizes saying that it was a busy time and there was no need to meet this month. What should the SST Coach do?
- 2** **Communication.** The SST communicates weekly with district leaders to show on-going interest in their work and progress. One District Leader returned an e-mail message stating that everything was going well and that she'll be in touch if she has a question or problem. What should the SST Coach do?
- 3** **Leadership.** The SST meets via Zoom with District Leaders, and shares the agenda for the meeting ahead of time. At one meeting, a District Leader took over the agenda to lead a different set of questions that was important in that location. The SST Coach's agenda was ignored. What should the SST Coach do?
- 4** **Implementation.** The SST Coach learns that one District Leader has done little or nothing to guide schools' Action Teams for Partnerships (ATPs) with their work. One school seemed to be rolling along. Another school was lost and seeking assistance. What should the SST Coach do?
- 5** **Parents and Teachers on Schools' ATPs.** The SST Coach learns that, at one school, there are no parents on the ATP. At another school there are no teachers on the ATP. She asked the District Leader to look into these missing members. He said that everyone was busy and the school could not find willing volunteers to serve as a team member. What should the SST Coach do?
- 6** **Change in SST Coach.** There was a change in leadership this month. A new SST Coach took the place of someone who was promoted (or retired). The District Leader(s) in the project are not sure what to expect from the new SST Coach. What should the outgoing SST Coach and incoming SST Coach do to ensure that the OhSFEC project moves forward?