Goal: Improve and maintain networks with surrounding school districts and teachers in the classroom.
1. Host a series of Education Days, recruiting high school students into the education department.
2. Offer ED100 - Introduction to Teaching to Smoky Valley High School seniors as part of Bethany College’s Bridge Program for college credit.
3. Expand the Bethany College/Smoky Valley Middle School mentoring program, offering it as an Experience Based Education course at Bethany.
4. Utilize the Bethany College Education Department Facebook page as a means of maintaining a network between Bethany and its graduates and staying current on trends in public schools. This can be used for a survey instrument to track Bethany grads employment milestones, promotions, retention or career changes, and effectiveness.

Goal: Equip Bethany College Education Majors with the tools they need to be social emotional resources for their future students.
1. Model social emotional support through the academic advising process.
2. Introduce the idea of community and social emotional support during ED100-Introduction to Teaching.
3. Research effective social emotional learning programs.
4. Explore the idea of including social emotional learning outcomes in the syllabi for courses in the Bethany College Education Program and partnerships with schools or additional field experiences.

Goal: Encourage a climate welcome to diverse learning opportunities and learners within Bethany’s Education Department
1. Maximize our potential for providing diverse field experience opportunities for our Bethany education majors.
2. Explore the various manifestations of diversity in classrooms today in all courses, particularly ED240 - Social, Cultural, and Language Diversity in Today’s Classrooms.

Goal: Continue the department’s investment into continued education and scholarship.
1. Attend annual conferences including CAEP and ATE-K/KACTE and KAPCOTE.
2. Individual Education Department faculty will attend workshops and conferences related to their specialties.
3. Pursue opportunities for publication and conference presentations.