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Reggie is entering his 12th year of teaching and currently teaches Sophomore English, and Honors English 10 at Brookfield East High School in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Ironically, as the child of an educator, school wasn't always his favorite place—but everything changed in high school when an English teacher introduced him to a class called Banned Books. That class ignited his love of reading and led to a life-changing mission trip to Ecuador, where he taught Spanish to children and adults. It was there, surrounded by connection and curiosity, that Reggie found his passion for teaching.

Reggie believes that students deserve classrooms that are joyful, engaging, and rooted in real choice. He models what he hopes students become—an avid reader, a curious writer, and a lifelong learner. Whether he's leading book clubs, guiding dystopian short film projects, or helping students craft personal narratives, Reggie creates a space where risk-taking is encouraged and growth is celebrated. His greatest joy is seeing a once-reluctant reader walk out of his room with a book in hand and a spark of confidence they didn't have before.

He's constantly seeking new titles to support student interests—from graphic novels and memoirs to contemporary YA fiction—and believes in curating a library full of windows, mirrors, and doorways for every learner. This grant will help expand those book club options, amplifying diverse voices and stories that students connect with on a personal level. Reggie is excited to continue building a culture of reading where every student can find a story that feels like home.