

Educator Supports Center of Excellence Update

Strengthening local school districts and educators by providing professional learning, consulting, coaching, and educational resources.

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Update: Continuous Improvement

Our continuous improvement support helps districts and schools strengthen planning, implementation, and monitoring systems to improve student outcomes. Through coaching, consultation, facilitation, and technical assistance, we partnered with all nine Kalamazoo County districts this year to support MICIP planning, school improvement requirements, and stronger systems for using data to guide decisions.

Key Accomplishments

Coaching and Consultation: Provided direct support to all 9 local districts, tailored to their unique needs and stage of implementation.

MICIP Planning: Supported districts and schools in developing MICIP plans from the ground up and aligning school plans to district strategic priorities.

CSI and Partnership Support: Guided newly identified and re-identified CSI schools through comprehensive needs assessments and improvement planning. Supported district leaders in understanding Partnership requirements and aligning plans to meet those expectations.

Plan Review and Revision: Helped schools evaluate current plans, revise strategies and activities, and strengthen alignment to current data and needs.

Technical Assistance: Provided ongoing support related to the School Index, grants, the MICIP platform, progress monitoring, data use, and system improvement.

Supporting Continuous Improvement Across Kalamazoo County

This year's work across Kalamazoo County reflected a multilevel approach to strengthening district and school improvement efforts. Support included helping teams build plans from scratch, revise existing plans, and align school improvement work to district strategic goals. A significant portion of the work focused on helping CSI-identified schools and Partnership districts understand state requirements and translate them into meaningful local planning processes.

In addition, support extended beyond plan development to the systems needed to sustain the work over time. This included helping teams better understand accountability measures, use





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data more effectively, monitor implementation, evaluate impact, and make adjustments based on evidence. Across all nine districts, the focus has been on building stronger local capacity for continuous improvement in the service of better outcomes for students.

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