

Transforming Education:

Real Stories About Bringing Charter and District Schools Together to Share Successful Practices



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SCCOE – Charter School Summit 2010

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PSI cultivates a grassroots network for public school educators to share their successes and drive school change.



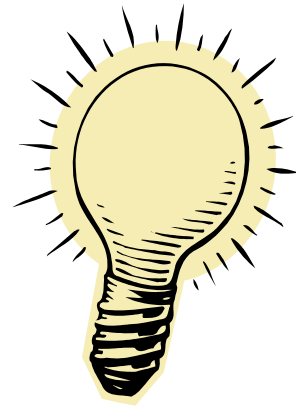
An Action Tank for Innovation

Support & Study Groups

We convene action-research based groups for principals and teachers to examine common challenges and share strategies for success

Collaborations

We partner with other organizations to facilitate design and manage projects that support educators in sharing their strengths and expertise



Dissemination

We publish findings and train educators to peer coach through workshops and consultations, in order to share effective practices within and between charter and district schools



[Real Examples of Success:]

Strengthening Leadership –

SNIP = Support Network for Innovative Principals

Sharing Practices –

Keeping the Promise

At-Risk Consortium

Collaborative Inquiry



Learning Exchange 2008



[SNIP, Support Network for Innovative Principals]

- 3 goals:
 - Develop Practice of Reflection
 - Create a learning community
 - Apply the practice with faculty and staff
- 80+ school leaders from 20+ districts since 2001 from **district**, **charter** and **pilot** schools
- Meets 8x yr. for 2.5 hours using case method from participant experiences, individual & group exercises



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[Keeping the Promise]

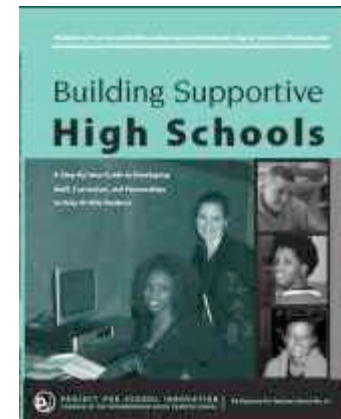
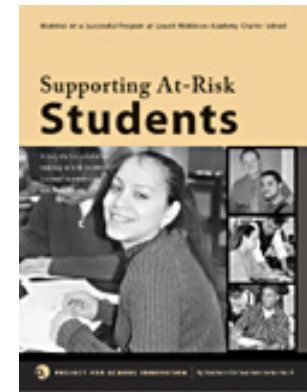
- 3 goals:
 - Identify highest performing charter schools in MA
 - Capture their successful practices
 - Share w/ charters and districts
- Study Tours & Action Planning



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[At-Risk Consortium]

- “Counting What Counts” – Successful practices from 2nd Chance Schools
- Highlights the work of 3 high schools serving At-Risk students (Horace Mann, Commonwealth & District Pilot)
- Disseminate statewide & beyond



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Collaborative Inquiry

- Capture the practice of **Collaborative Inquiry** at Prospect Hill Academy and how that contributes to their academic success
- Document how it is being introduced and integrated at two Somerville District schools



Prospect Hill Academy Charter School



Arthur D. Healey School, District



Winter Hill Community School, District



[What does it take?]

- Enter with humility and respect
- Collaborate for change and impact
- Learning is a two \longleftrightarrow way street
- Relationship, relationship, relationship
- Share warts and all
- Leave assumptions at the door
- Find and appreciate the common ground



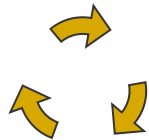
(Agree on) Key Drivers to School Success

- Leadership
- Strong School Culture
- Effective Instruction
- Consistent Student Engagement
- Data Driven Management
- Parental Involvement
- Productive Systems & Structures
- Human Resource Development



[Build on Common Ground]

- Do we face similar challenges?
- What do you observe? What resonates?
- How do you think that [practice] would impact your school? (Theory of Change)
- How can we best work together?
- What do we need to modify / tailor?
- Monitor, evaluate, readjust and learn together!



[DO NOW exercise]

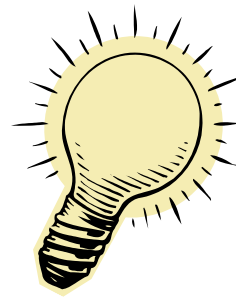
In small groups:

- Introductions: Name & School / Org
 - If you could share one positive practice re: school culture, what would it be and why?
(One that you practice or have observed)
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- If you could choose one other school with which to work, which would it be and why?



[Now What?]

- What did you learn that has impacted your thinking about your own school?



Remember that on Monday! 😊

[Have a Good Practice?]

- Help PSI to find, document and share successful practices!
- Help US to help YOU disseminate –
For more info contact PSI



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BREAK DOWN THE SILOS.....



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