



## Project Reimagine Demonstration Districts Fact Sheet

### INTRODUCTION

Why Reimagine our education system?

It's on our watch. We have the ethical and moral imperative to:

- Give **all** our students the competitive edge they need to lead and thrive in highly skilled, creative work that will continue to drive the modern global economy.
- Make sure **all** our students leave high school ready for college and work.
- Eliminate persistent and deepening achievement gaps.
- Create a system built around students, not adults.
- Reimagine a system that can survive or thrive within its current financial structure and will not see new state funds for years to come.
- Be bold, be dramatic, re-think the system. Tinkering won't do.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is challenging the educational community to boldly and dramatically reimagine their systems to ensure **all** students learn and achieve at high levels. MDE is seeking system-wide reform, not projects. MDE will select up to 20 demonstration districts/organizations to create innovative plans and actions to fundamentally and significantly reform teaching and learning in our education systems.

### REQUIRED CORE COMPONENTS

- Dramatically improved proficiency in core content areas by all students
- Innovative, multi-faceted delivery of educational programs
- Increased efficiency and effectiveness of school management
- Pre-school or other programs implemented by 2011-2012 to prepare all young children for school and all schools for young children
- Early transition options for students, based on proficiency and readiness, to access post-secondary opportunities
- Implementation of universal education in instructional practices