



### Vision for School Improvement

MDE will use six regional centers to provide “shoulder-to-shoulder” support to CSI schools. Developing a comprehensive school improvement plan based on a thorough needs assessment will be key to the success of MDE’s school improvement system.

### Key Strategies

**PROGRESS UPDATES:** MDE expanded the personnel capacity of its regional centers, and CSI high schools started planning last school year.

**CHALLENGES:** MDE may not have the resources, time and personnel to provide differentiated and direct support to *all* schools.

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & COMPLIANCE

- **Templates and rubrics for improvement plans:** Developed (a) a rubric to evaluate LEA applications, (b) needs assessment rubrics and (c) an exemplary CSI template plan
- **Professional development:** Provided TA on how to implement plans
- **Guidance:** Developed materials to explain the process to educators, families and community members and provided guidance to LEAs on (a) ESSA regulations to which schools and LEAs must conform, (b) the actions MDE will take to identify, support and intervene in CSI and TSI schools, (c) implementation strategies for TSI schools and (d) evidence-based strategies aligned to ESSA requirements
- **Structures and processes:** [MDE] developed or updated processes to (a) provide feedback to LEAs on SI efforts, (b) work with regional centers to provide TA to LEAs and schools and (c) monitor progress; [the regional centers] developed structures to (a) provide coaching support to school and district leaders, (b) engage local communities in the process, (c) facilitate planning meetings, (d) identify best practices with teams and (e) work with grade level teams on academic standards and classroom instruction.

### Key Updates

**NEW POLICY/REGULATIONS:** MN updated state laws to conform with its ESSA plan for SI.

**NEW SEA PRACTICE:** N/A.

### Funding: Mixed Approach

MDE uses a competitive grant application based on budget, strategy, planning process and program evaluation to determine how to allocate CSI funds. Additional SI funds are distributed to regional centers. The amount each center receives depends on how many CSI schools they serve.

### State and School Needs

#### SEA

More resources to support direct, differentiated support to schools

#### SCHOOLS

Better educator retention, more resources and increased instructional rigor in rural areas

### Implementation Timeline

<b>2017-18 SY</b>	LEA SI grant application opens
<b>Summer '18</b>	TSI & CSI schools identified; state report card released
<b>Fall '18</b>	Planning year begins
<b>2019-20 SY</b>	Full implementation of SI system
<b>TBD</b>	LEA resource allocation audit