



### Vision for School Improvement

With the development of a new anchor tool—the evidence-based “Effective Schools Framework”—TEA provides targeted TA for school improvement aligned to the framework to build capacity at regional Education Service Centers. TEA also offers competitive grants and network support to enable LEAs to take bold school actions—e.g., school closures or turnarounds.

### Key Strategies

**PROGRESS UPDATES:** TEA created the “Effective Schools Framework,” built capacity of regional Educational Service Centers to provide TA to LEAs and is launching the Center for Effective Schools to build evidence-based toolkits aligned to the Effective Schools Framework.

**CHALLENGES:** TEA seeks to engage stakeholders around a common vision for the Framework.

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & COMPLIANCE

- **Templates and rubrics for improvement plans:** Developed (a) needs assessment rubrics and (b) an exemplary CSI template plan
- **Professional development:** N/A
- **Guidance:** Provided guidance to LEAs on (a) ESSA regulations to which schools and LEAs must conform and (b) implementation strategies for TSI schools
- **Structures and processes:** Updated processes to (a) recruit, screen, select and evaluate external partners/providers, (b) provide feedback to LEAs on SI efforts, (c) work with ESCs to provide TA to LEAs and schools and (d) monitor progress

### Key Updates

**NEW POLICY/REGULATIONS:** N/A.

**NEW SEA PRACTICE:** TEA will (a) revise the LEA application to reinforce state goals for SI, (b) require a needs assessment that LEAs must complete for all identified schools and (c) administer funds on a competitive basis to LEAs with CSI or TSI schools to take bold school action.

### Funding: Blended Approach

TEA applies formula funding to schools and select TA providers. (ESCs or others from approved list). It also makes competitive grants to LEAs with CSIs and TSIs to take bold actions—e.g., school closure, school turnaround.

### State and School Needs

#### SEA

Building awareness of new framework statewide and limited infrastructure at TEA to support school improvement

#### SCHOOLS

Finding TA providers with experience in bold school action

### Implementation Timeline

Summer '18	LEA SI grant application opens; CSI schools identified
Fall '18	Full implementation of SI system
TBD	LEA resource allocation audit; state report card released; TSI schools identified