Ohio's Mandate for High School Innovation and Results: Marshalling Your Resources





Race to the Top Fund

- $4.35 billion competitive grants
- Based on four core reforms
  - Raise expectations for all students
  - Collect and use data to inform instruction
  - Ensure all schools benefit from high quality teachers in all subjects
  - Turn around consistently low-performing schools

http://www.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop/index.html

Unprecedented Federal Funding

- $3.5 billion in Title I School Improvement grants to reform struggling schools
- $650 million Invest in Innovation Funds for developing, implementing, and scaling up programs that work
- $650 million in education technology grants for technology use to enhance learning



Unprecedented Federal Funding

- $200 million Teacher Incentive Funds to help ensure all schools benefit from effective teachers and principals
- $300 million in State Longitudinal Data System grants to collect and use high quality data





Use Funds Creatively, Coherently, and Strategically

- Challenge all students to achieve more than before
- Align curriculum with standards
- Use high quality data to inform instruction
  - Provide staff with time and tools to use data
  - Monitor student progress toward achieving standards
  - Ensure data feedback loops among and between staff and administrators within and across schools and districts



Ohio Accomplishments

- Longitudinal data system in place with plans to expand
- Growth model to account for students' past performance and future achievement
- Differentiated accountability model to address specific school needs



High School: Sobering Statistics

- 1 million students spend Pell funds on non-college credit courses each year.
- 1 in 10 high schools lose more than 40 percent of students between 9^{th}-12^{th} grade.
- High school dropouts earn increasingly less than high school graduates.
- College graduates earn 60 percent more than high school graduates.



Selected Ohio High School Statistics

- Ohio has 752 high schools.
- 167 of those 752 (22%) received either regular Title I or Title I ARRA funds.
- 115 (15%) of those high schools implement the Title I schoolwide program model which provides the greatest flexibility in the use of Title I and other Federal funds.

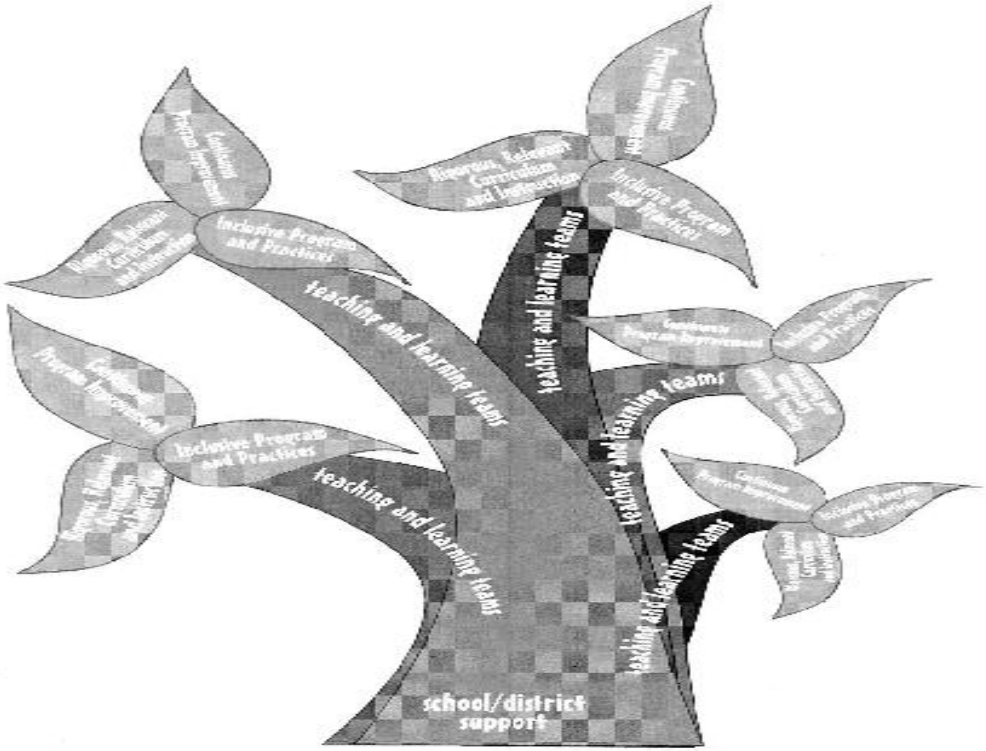


Selected Ohio High School Statistics

- 52 (7%) of the 752 high schools implement the Title I targeted assistance program model which has much less flexibility in the use of Title I funds in a school (funds can be used to serve only the targeted students…not all students in the high school).
- Ohio has 66 high schools (9%) that graduate 60% or less of their 9th graders by the time they reach the end of 12th grade.

Promising High School Practice: Smaller Learning Communities (SLC)

Figure 1: Five Domains of SLC Practice



http://www.nwrel.org/scpd/sslc/SLCBooklet.pdf



Promising High School Practice: Smaller Learning Communities (SLC)

- Five Domains: Self determination, identity, personalization, support for teaching, functional accountability
- Best Practices Within Five Domains
  - Interdisciplinary teaching and learning;
  - Rigorous, relevant curriculum and instruction;
  - Inclusive programs and practices;
  - Continuous improvement; and
  - Building- and district-level support



Gates Foundation Efforts to Improve High Schools

- $4 billion to improve college readiness of high school graduates
- Efforts focus on
  - Enhancing classroom learning
  - Building and using robust data systems
  - Implementing research-based practices
  - Motivating and engaging students
  - Empowering teachers

http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Pages/home.aspx



Thank you. We look forward to working with you and other states on pushing the envelope for education reform.