Professional Development Imperative Continuum for Quality Professional Development

INDICATORS	EFFECTIVENESS CONTINUUM FROM		EVIDENCE OF RESULTS TO WHAT EXTENT
Results-Driven Learning Schools improve the learning of all students through well-designed professional development, using best practice research, disaggregated data, campus/district goals, and parent/community input.	Educators analyze and use at least one form of data to identify stu- dent needs and plan for profes- sional development.	Educators continuously analyze and use multiple and varied data that are comprehensive and integrated in an effort to effect learning for all students.	 Are data sources used to plan, design, and implement professional development? Is student learning examined to determine the effectiveness of professional development? Are educators analyzing student results to make decisions about teaching and learning?
Student-Centered Learning Educators pursue and select learning opportunities that meet the identified needs of students.	Educators participate in professional learning opportunities that meet at least one learning need of students.	Educators actively plan and participate in professional learning opportunities that meet both the long-term and short-term learning needs of all students.	 Does the organization align professional development with student learning needs? Does the educator analyze the needs of diverse learners to determine appropriate professional development? Can educators and students apply learning to real present/future world experiences?
Flexible Groups Optimum learning and implementation occur in small, interactive groups, with group size determined by content and purpose.	Educators receive information with some attention given to group size.	Teams of educators design their own learning experiences based upon: district/campus goals; student needs; best practices integrating purpose, content, and process; and educator need/expertise.	 Are flexible groups formed to solve real problems? Does the group configuration match the professional development content and purpose? Do professional development opportunities allow educators the choice to learn in large or small groups, or individually, depending on learning styles, delivery models, and goals?
Collaboration Educators, working collaboratively and with parents and community, make decisions about the objectives, content, and processes that meet their professional development needs.	Educators discuss with parents and community members the instructional program with some attention given to individual and organizational needs.	Educators, in concert with community members, learn about, design, and implement professional development practices that support the instructional program and meet individual and organizational needs.	 Do group processes ensure that all voices are heard? Does the organization survey group members to determine effectiveness of the group decision-making process? Are sustained efforts documented? (i.e., agenda, budget, results.)
Follow-Up Professional development requires follow-up to sustain and evaluate learning over time.	Educators share ideas, refine practices, and clarify issues with some organizational support.	Educators engage in on-going experiences that focus on evaluation of student learning over time and appropriate adjustment of practices through reflection and peer feedback.	 Are time and resources provided for inquiry, reflection, and sharing? Is educator dialogue focused on connecting professional growth and student learning? Has educator practice changed as a result of professional development?
Commitment Educators take responsibility for their own learning, and organizations provide resources that support learning.	Educators and organizations comply with federal, state, and district requirements for professional development, including maintaining professional development records.	Educators continuously take responsibility for their own learning and the learning of those around them. Organizations build capacity by allocating resources commensurate with professional development needs.	 Do behaviors and actions provide evidence of educator commitment to their own learning and the learning of others? Does the organization budget resources for educator learning? Does the organization continuously assess and improve the effectiveness of professional development?