



LEAD PARTNER SERVICES



Why SchoolWorks Lead Partner Services? For schools seeking to make a significant push from “good to great” and those in need of significant turnaround, SchoolWorks offers an integrated set of services designed to assess schools’ needs, develop actionable plans, and implement plans with both leadership and instructional supports. Our lead partner services provide a comprehensive partnership for improvement.

The SchoolWorks Approach

Each lead partner engagement is initiated with a school quality review and the assignment of a leadership coach. Quality reviews use multiple sources of evidence to understand how well a school is performing in relation to the SchoolWorks Quality Criteria – a research-based set of standards that describe effective school practices across four domains: Instruction, Students’ Opportunities to Learn, Educators’ Opportunities to Learn, and Leadership and Governance. With evidence and findings generated from the quality review, the partnership seamlessly advances through the development of both a leadership coaching plan and a school improvement plan that integrates SchoolWorks instructional supports. The leadership coach immediately begins to build leadership capacity and assist in the implementation of improvement efforts. For example, in the Holyoke Public

Schools, SchoolWorks conducted a quality review and developed an improvement plan for a turnaround school. The plan focused on improving school climate, setting instructional expectations for all teachers, and improving the school’s therapeutic intervention program. The leadership coach then began to support changes in the school’s schedule and discipline procedures to improve climate. We jointly developed clearly-written instructional expectations and teachers participated in professional development provided by SchoolWorks. Regular walkthroughs were then conducted to gauge teachers’ implementation of instructional expectations. In addition, customized instructional supports were provided to address the needs of English language learners and students in the therapeutic intervention program.

SchoolWorks Continuum of Services:

ASSESSING

BUILDING



"SchoolWorks has been a thoughtful and collaborative Lead Partner. Their initial quality review and planning helped identify the priorities for improvement at the Peck Community School and created focused initiatives. Their leadership coaching and professional development have been impactful. Together, we have created a much better environment for students in the first year of turnaround, as reflected in improved attendance and a drastic reduction in discipline incidents. I value our work together."

Dr. Stephen Zrike, Jr., Receiver, Holyoke Public Schools

Each lead partner relationship is unique to the school in order to address its needs and goals. For example, SchoolWorks is currently collaborating with a Massachusetts school district to develop a

personalized learning pilot for an existing middle school. The pilot will introduce a blend of self-directed learning, project-based learning, and mentoring to a quarter of the school's population.

HOW TO LEARN MORE

Explore our [Continuum of Services](#), [Project Case Studies](#), and [Results](#). Contact our office at 978.921.1674 or email info@schoolworks.org to learn more about how SchoolWorks can help build the capacity of your organization to have a positive impact on student achievement and well-being.