## Using Cost-Effective Processes to Develop Large-Scale Data-Driven Continuous Improvement Systems for Local Programs

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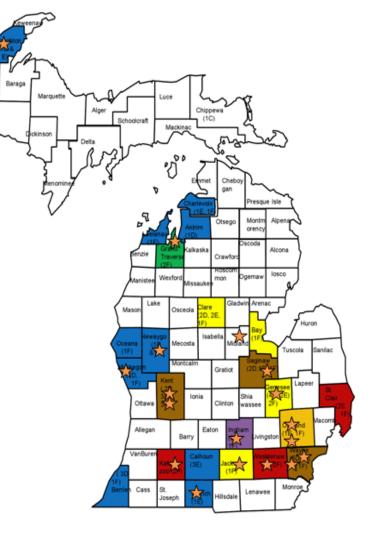
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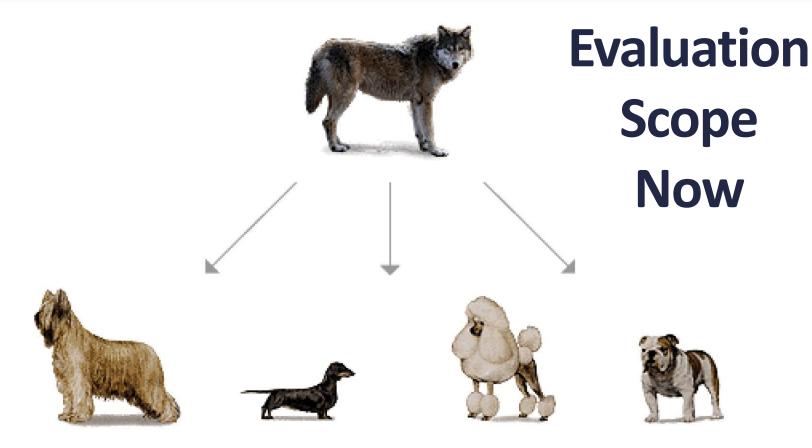
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 320 elementary, middle and high schools sites

- 40,000+ students
- Over \$50M investment









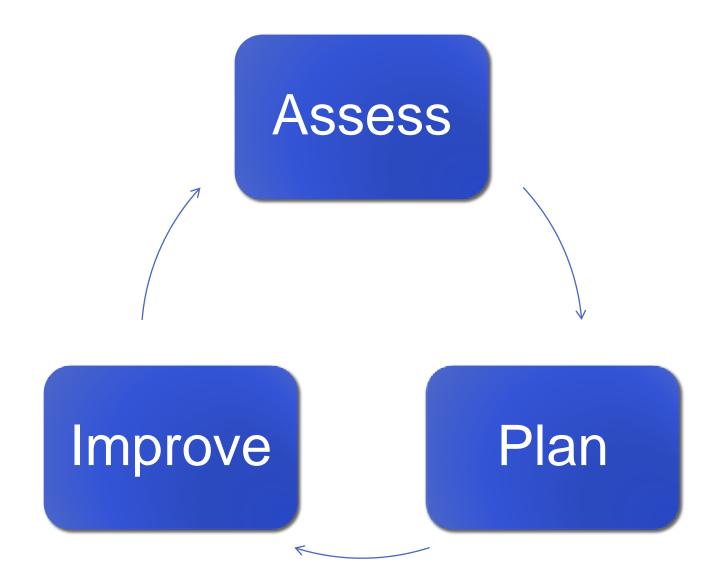








#### **Continuous Improvement**





#### **Quality Improvement Support System**



**State Education Agency** 

Grantees

TACSS

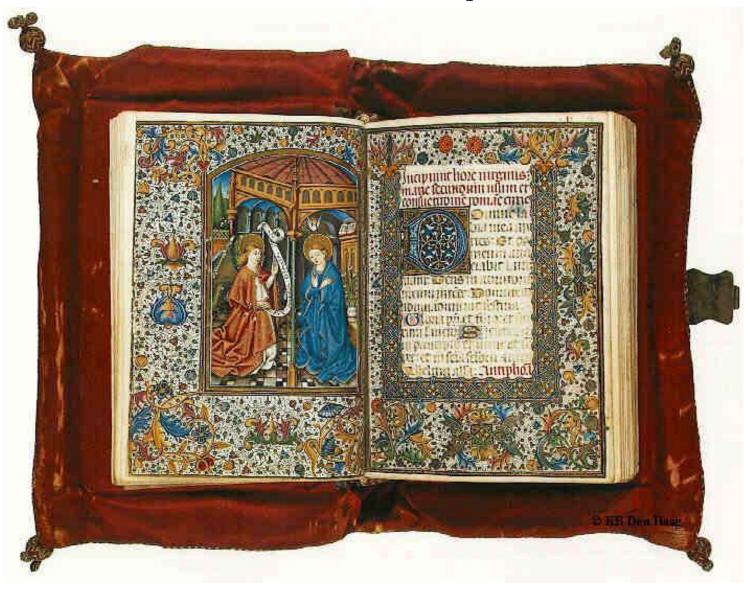
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#### **Standard Indicators of Quality**



#### **Cost-Effective Data Reports**



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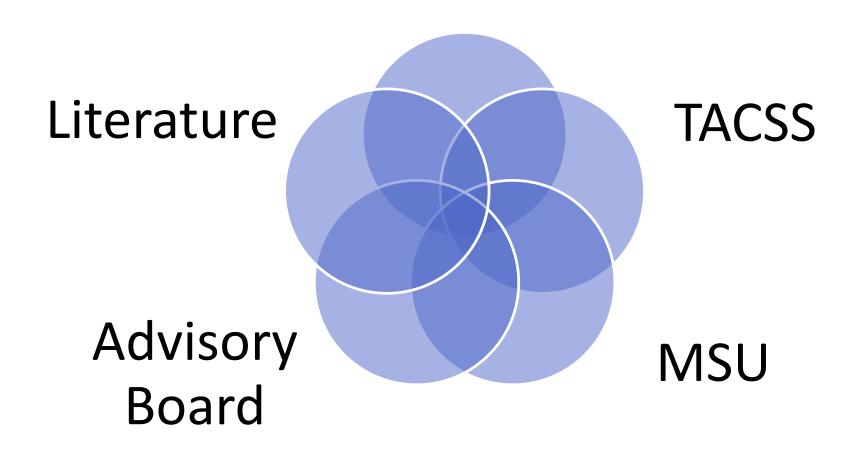
#### **Capacity-Building for Data Use**



#### 1. Standard quality indicators

#### **Identify Indicators**

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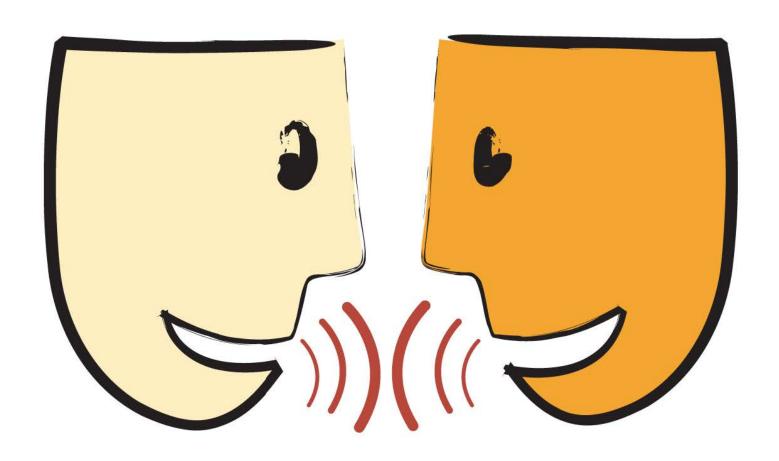
#### 1. Instructional Context



#### 2. Organizational Context



#### 3. Positive Relationships



#### **Select Data Sources**

Youth survey

Parent survey

Staff survey

Supervisor survey

Administrator report

Observational program self-assessment

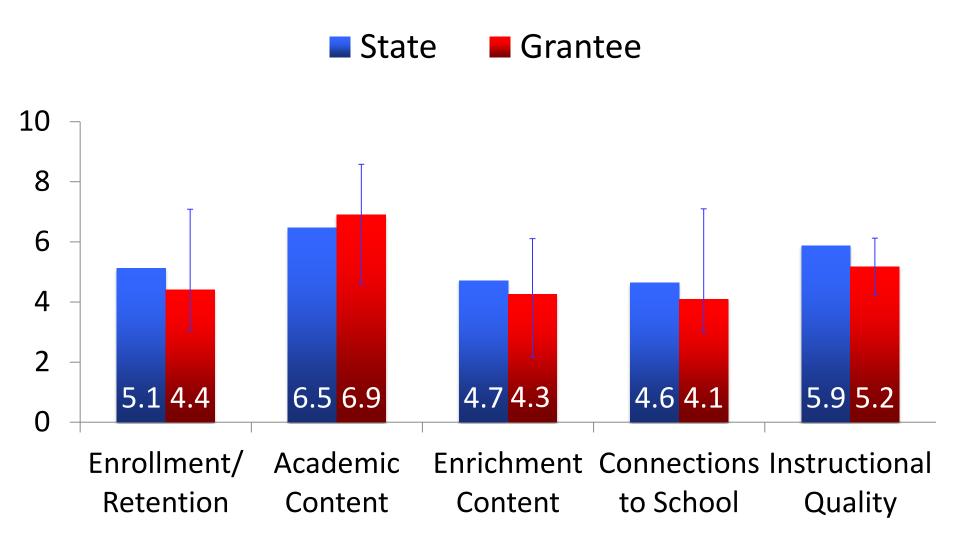
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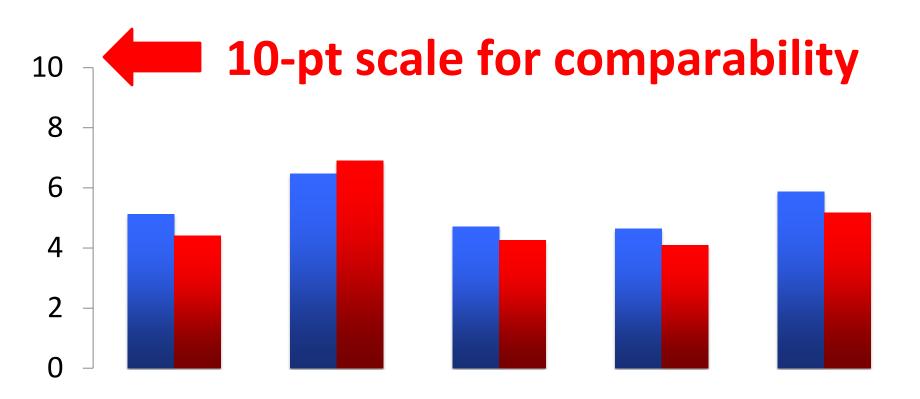
School outcomes data

# Comparability: Weighted 10- pt scale

Measure	Weight
Academic activity participation	1.5
Homework help/tutoring participation for academically atrisk students	1.5
Academic enrichment participation	1.5
Activities informed by grade-level content standards	1
Student reports of academic support quality	1.5
Academics is top priority	.5
Supervisor connection to school- day content	1
Staff connection to school-day content	1.5
Total	10

#### **Instructional Context**





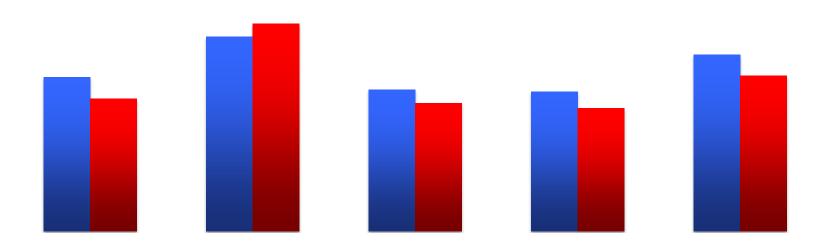
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#### **Grantee – State Comparisons**

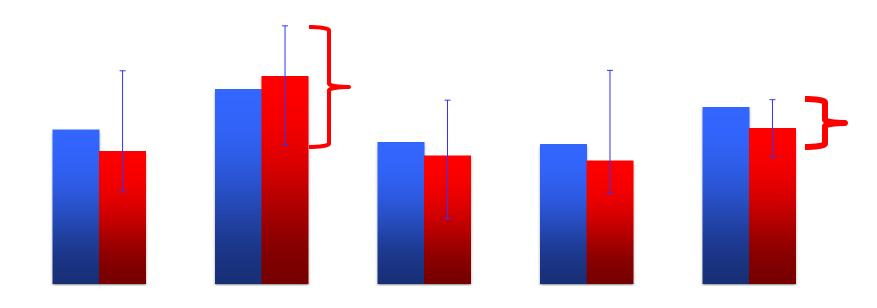


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#### Site variations at a glance



#### Go deeper – comparisons on measures

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Sites

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Connection to school <sup>b</sup>	74%	80%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Formal policy for connecting with teachers <sup>b</sup>	12%	0%	No	No	No	No	No
Full-time Site Coordinator <sup>b</sup>	63%	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Academic activity participation <sup>c</sup>	81%	70%	67%	89%	82%	45%	76%
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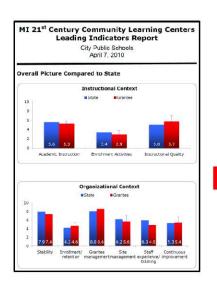
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## 2. Cost-effective local report production

# Assumption: You're analyzing data anyway

#### **Process**

- Collect data
- Develop report template in Word
- Analyze data to match [decisions]
- 4. Create excel or .csv file of data
- Use Word mail merge to populate reports (tweak if necessary)
- 6. Voila!

#### **Step 1: Collect Data**

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Parent survey

Staff survey

Supervisor survey

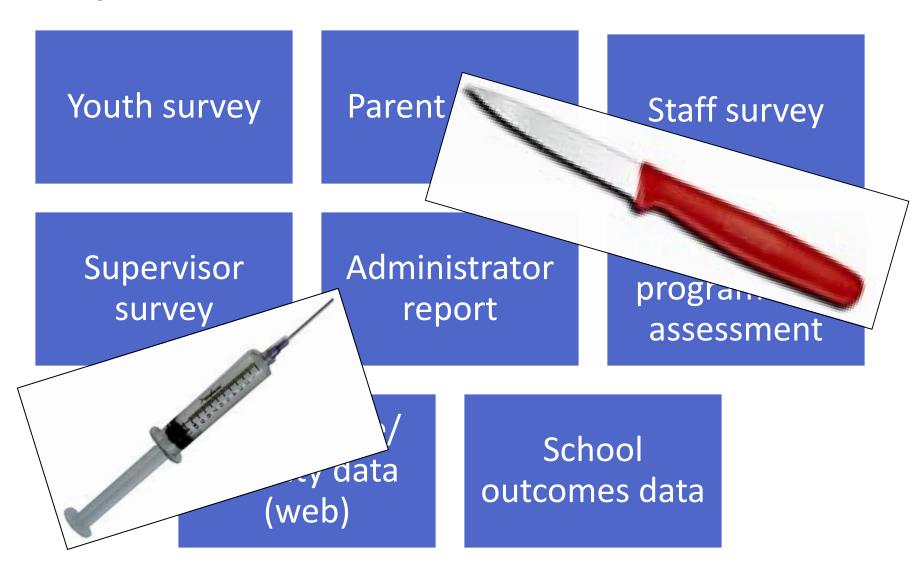
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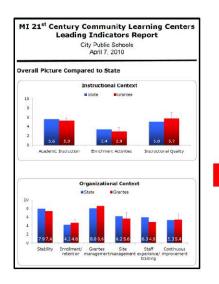
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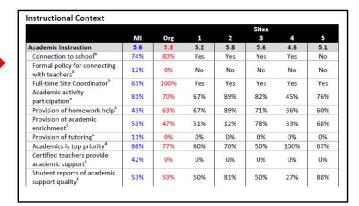


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## Step 2: Develop report template

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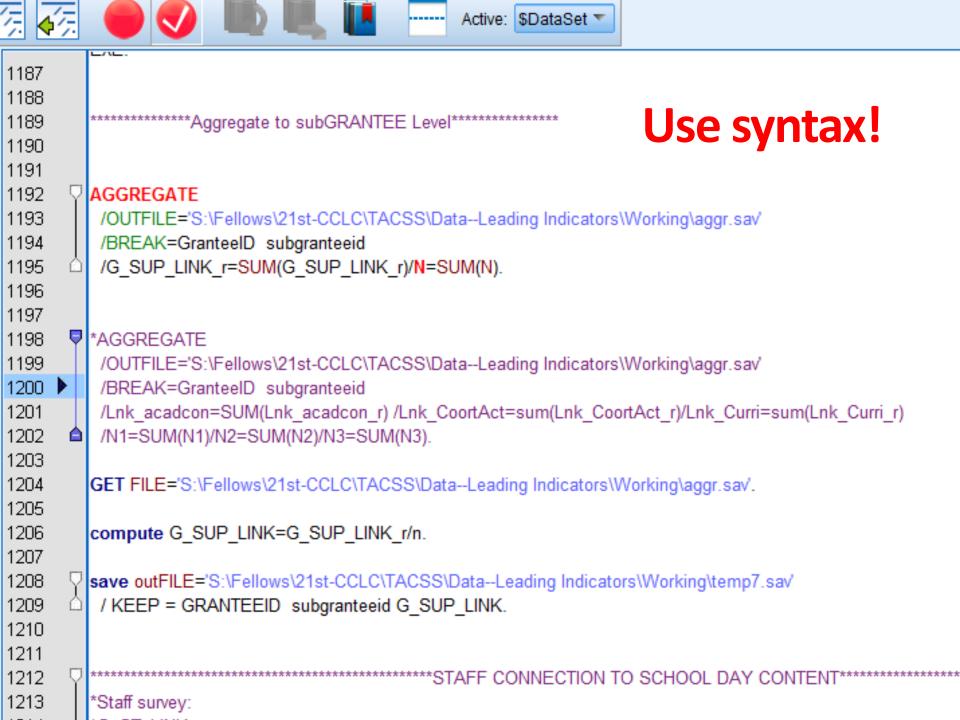
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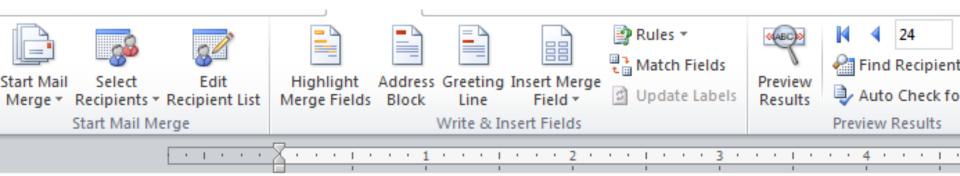
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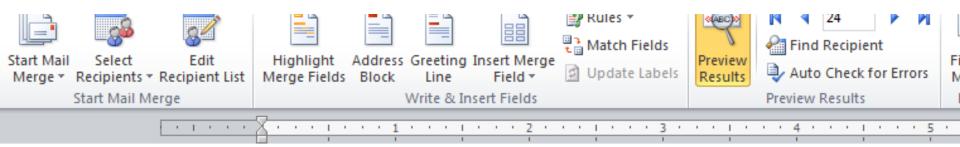
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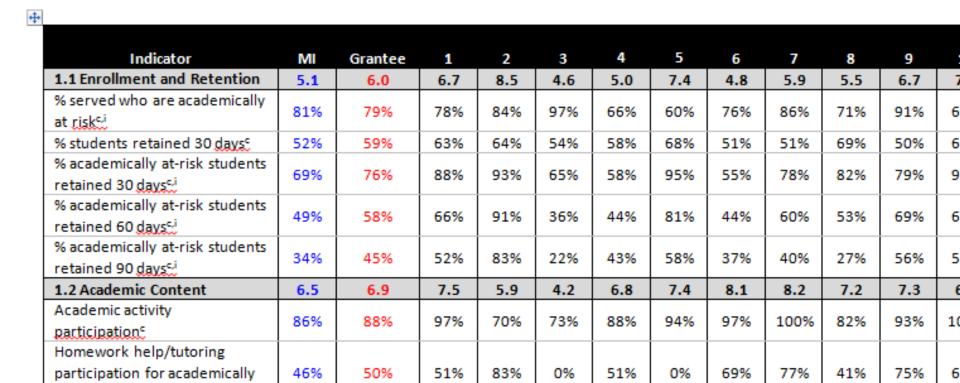
#### Domain 1. Instructional Context

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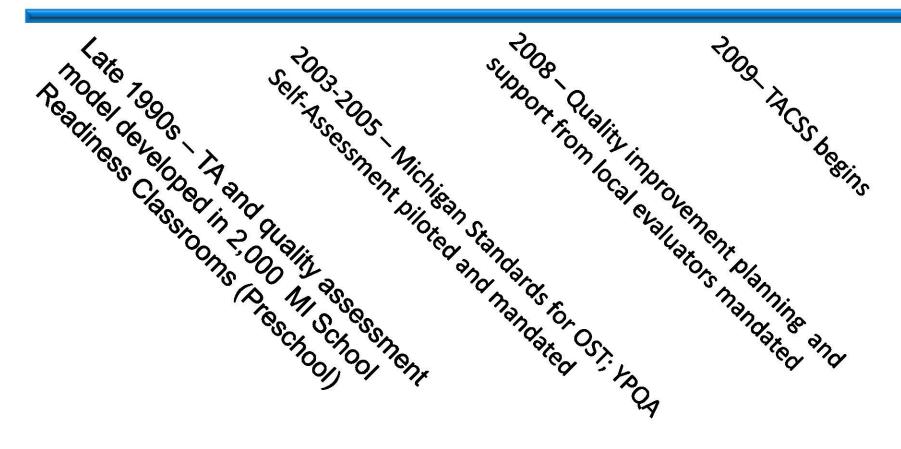




# 3. Capacity-building for data use

#### A Decade in the Making



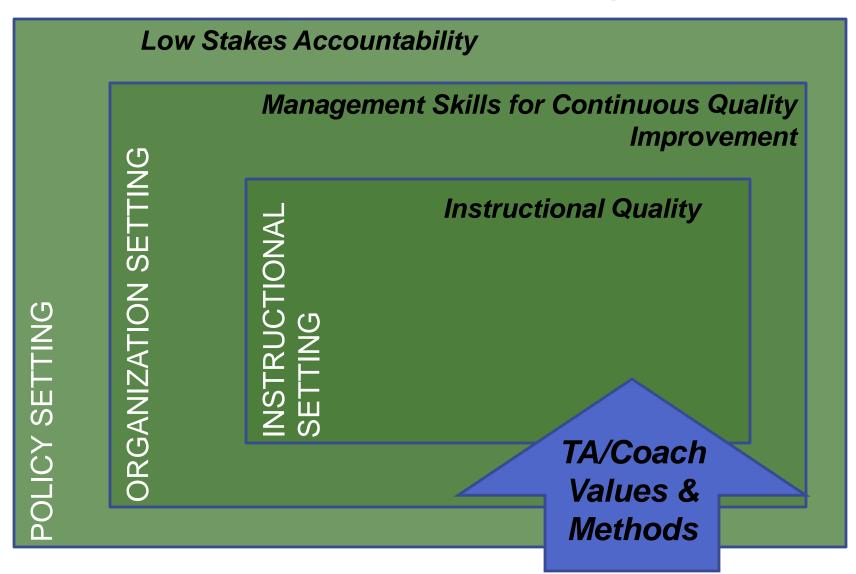


## Why TACCS?



#### **TACSS Goals**

- 1. Grow a culture of performance accountability
- 2. Develop a low-stakes infrastructure for continuous quality improvement
- 3. Improve overall quality of 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC services and start up for new sites
- 4. Improve the instructional quality for young people



Management Skills for CIP

- Lead a team to assess the quality of instruction
- Provide real-time staff performance feedback

**ASSESS** 

#### PLAN

- Lead team to create an improvement plan based on data
- Select align methods training for direct staff

- Carry out plan to improve instructional quality
- Monitor progress and repeat

IMPROVE

High Stakes Accountability Policy



Low Stakes Accountability Policy for CQI

Objective Data

Meaningful Information

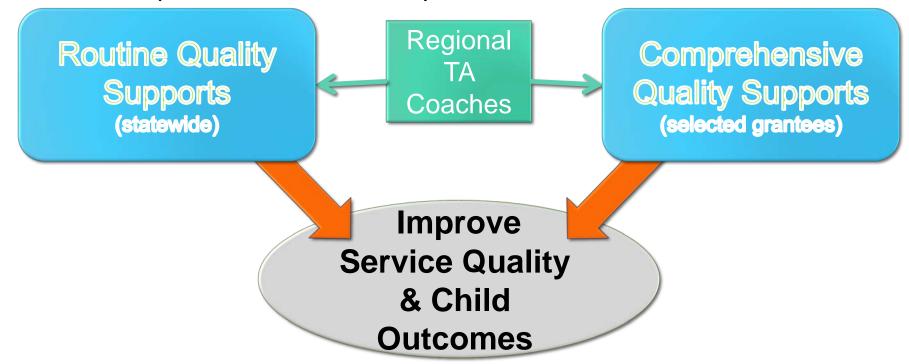
Action/ Expertise Improved Outcomes

Learning Community

Low Stakes Accountabilities

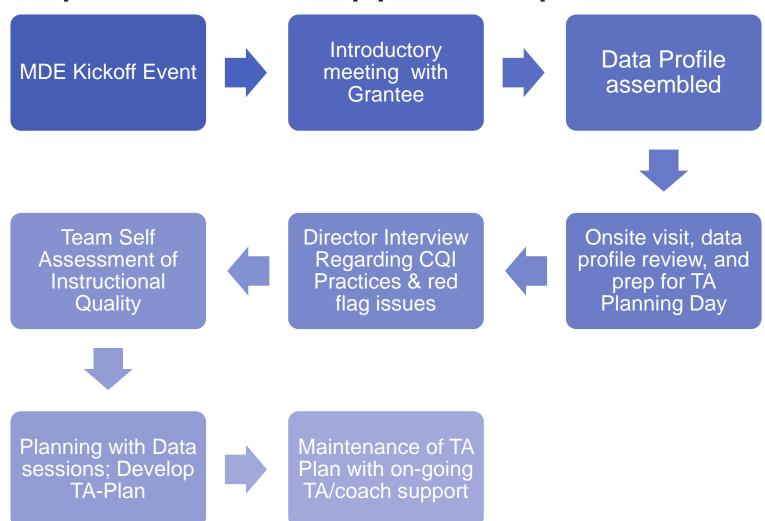
## **TACSS Project Model in Detail**

- 5-year project
- 5.5 FTEs (1 manager, 4 TA/Coaches, 1 support staff)
- 1 PTE (Contract Coach)



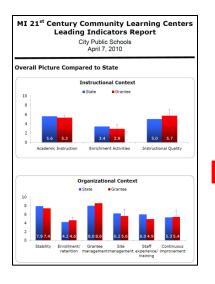
#### The TACSS Model

### Comprehensive Support Sequence

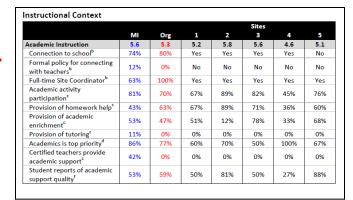


# Data Driving the System Leading Indicators to Program Improvement

#### **Grantee Profile**



#### **Site Profiles**



#### **Site Detail**



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I get a chance to try new things.	94%	87%	Average
The activities challenge me to learn new skills.	100%	78%	Very high
I pay attention to what we are doing.	80%	83%	Average
Kids and staff set goals for what should happen.	88%	76%	High
The activities we do really make me think.	94%	70%	Very high
Note: Clata are presented if available for at least 15 students. Statewide is site. Numbers represent students who agreed or strongly agreed with the	numbers are for stud statement. NA = No	ents in the same gr x applicable.	ades served by:
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It's important that we really understand the activities that we do.	94%	84%	Average
Trying hard is very important.	100%	84%	High
Learning new ideas and concepts is very important.	88%	80%	Average
How much you improve is really important.	81%	83%	Average
Staff notice when I have done something well.	81%	80%	Average
It's ok to make mistakes as long as you're learning.	93%	83%	Average
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Survey item: At this program I get to decide how to complete some projects or activities.	50%		
Survey item: At this program I get to decide how to complete some projects or activities. I get to choose my activities.	50% 100%	60%	Very high
Survey item: At this program I get to decide how to complete some projects or activities. I get to choose my activities. I help decide what kinds of activities are offered.	50%		
Survey item: At this program I get to decide how to complete some projects or activities. I get to choose my activities.	50% 100%	60%	Very high

#### **Technical Assistance Plan**

- Co-created
- Linear/sequential
- Accountability
- Intentionality
- Scheduling
- Use of Data to drive decision making
- Living/Working document



## Core & Supplemental Services Menu



#### 2012-2013 CORE & SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES MENU

#### CORESERVICES

LEAR NING COMMUNITY SERVICE LEVELS Level 1 = Core Services + 8 Supplemental Services Level 2 = Core Services + 3 Supplemental Services Level 3 = Limited Core Services

Welcome Letter 1 - 2 - 3

Learning community members receive a letter welcoming them to the initiative and providing a brief introduction to their coach and the supports available.

Introductory TACSS Meeting

Coach and project director meet to review the TACSS initiative and process and emphasizes relationship development. Returning learning community members may use this time for continued relationship development as well as updates to any services or changes to service levels.

Coach, project director, and other appropriate staff meet to review the menu of

core and supplemental services and develop a working draft of the TA Plan.

Coach provides support related to the self-assessment process. This may include staff meetings, login support, scoring questions, brainstorming, etc...

Learning community members receive one external Youth or 8A PQA assessment, which is conducted by a third party, reliable assessor.

Coach facilitates Youth POA Basics training for project director, site coordinators. vendors, youth, program staff or others as appropriate.

Leading Indicators Report Review 1-2-3

Coach meets with project director and other appropriate staff to review external assessment scores and incorporate into improvement planning.

Data Planning Proparation Session with Project Director

Coach meets with project director and other appropriate staff to coordinate a Data Planning Session with full program staff. Roles and responsibilities are

Coach co-facilitates a Data Planning Session for program staff with project director and other appropriate staff.

Planning with Data\*\*

Coach facilitates a Planning with Data workshop to assist program staff with analyzing PQA data and goal-setting for program improvement.

External Assessment Review

Coach meets with project director to review External Assessment scores and to plan how to best use them to support program staff.

One oine Communication

Coach will maintain relationship and information sharing with project director through e-mail, phone and face-to-face communication.

TACSS Learning Community Event

1-2-3

Learning community members are invited to participate in a learning community professional development event created to support program staff.

Coach Reflection Report\*

1 - 2 - 3

Coach provides project director with a year-end report which includes a summary of services, highlights and recommendations for the future.

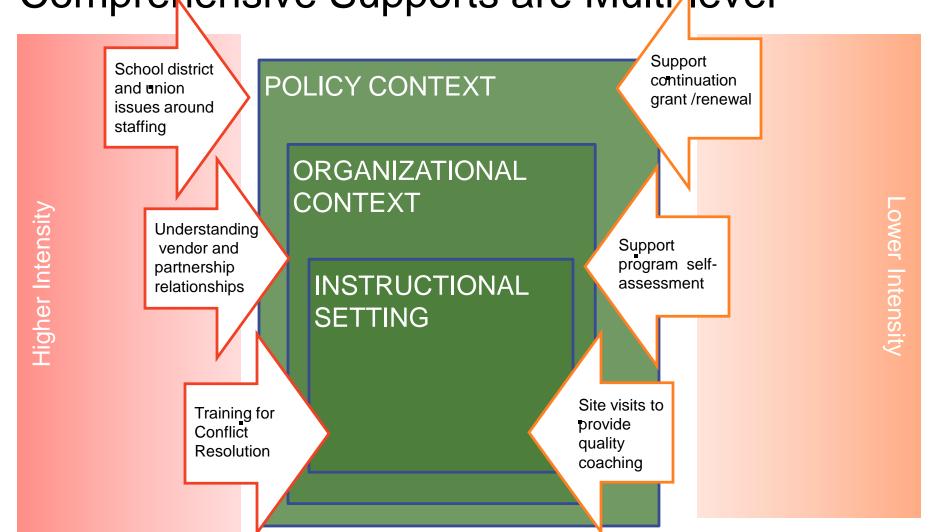
\*Youth PQA Basics listed as a core service for newly funded grantees only. Previously funded Level 1 learning community members may select Youth PQA Basics only as a aupplemental service.

\*\*Planning with Data replaces Data Planning Session and Preparation meetings for newly funded Level 1 learning community members. Previously funded Level 1 learning community members may select Planning with Data only as a supplemental service.



#### The TACSS Model

Comprehensive Supports are Multi-level



## TACSS Calendar Year

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug
Letters														
Coach's reflection letters														
Personal invitation to kick														
off orientation														
TACSS orientation at Kick off														
Introductory TACSS meeting														
TA Planning														
Self Assessment process support (YPQA, PIP)														
External Assessment scheduling/observation														
Leading Indicator Introduction/review (PD)														
External Assessment review														
Data planning session (support PD to lead staff)														
Mission is Possible professional development opportunity														
Monthly follow up communications														

## To Sum Up

- Leading Indicators = roadmap to quality program
- Founded in mass-reported data
- Decisions about changes are driven by data
- Technical assistance supports programs to use that data in ways they identify

## Questions...