

Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Partnership with the Ansonia Public Schools

Through this Partnership, CSDE will:

- **Work with Ansonia's Central Office and District Data Team to strengthen the District Improvement Plan**
 - Provide CSDE professional team (3 members) to work with the District
 - Engage in structured planning activities and establish prioritized goals, strategies, monitoring plans, and success criteria to improve student learning
 - Support the District throughout the District Improvement Plan implementation process

- **Assist the District in further developing a system-wide accountability framework**
 - CSDE offers a rigorous training model for its partner school districts through the Connecticut Accountability for Learning Initiative (CALI)
 - CALI training assists the district in strengthening accountability structures and practices at every level of the system: District, school and classroom
 - CSDE will continue to provide Ansonia's staff members and administrators access to CALI training

- **Provide ongoing support to the District in other key areas of district and school improvement**
 - Establishment of two demonstration schools in the District (with an executive coach, data team facilitator, and stipends for teacher release time)
 - Access to the CSDE's Accountability and School Improvement Advisory Committee
 - Ongoing technical assistance as requested in other areas relevant to district and school improvement

Summary

- **The Partnership work:** Build on, strengthen, and expand the improvement planning and implementation efforts already underway in Ansonia
- **The goal:** Continuous improvement of student achievement, sustained over time
- **Underlying principle:** Long-term partnership with *reciprocal accountability*.
CSDE expects District accountability for improving student achievement and, in turn, holds itself accountable for providing significant resources to support achievement of this goal