

Institute Syllabus

Session 1

Prior to Session 1 read *Rebuilding for Learning™: Addressing Barriers to Learning and Teaching, and Re-engaging Students*. (pps. 1-34)

What is the Rebuilding for Learning Initiative and Why is it Needed?

Key topics explored:

- What is the aim of the initiative and why is it needed?
 - Objectives and overview
 - Why is a system of learning supports imperative for school success?
 - What is currently being done and why isn't it working?
 - What lenses need to be used to see what's missing in school improvement planning?
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Session 2

What is a Comprehensive System of Learning Supports? Part A: Intervention Framework

Key topics explored:

- What are learning supports?
 - Blueprints for reframing intervention
 - Levels of intervention
 - Content arenas
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Session 3

What is a Comprehensive System of Learning Supports? Part B: Reworking the Operational and Organizational Infrastructure Part C: Policy Implications

Key topics explored:

- Part B: Reworking the operational and organizational infrastructure
 - Blueprints for designing operational and organizational infrastructure
 - At school and school complex levels
 - At the district level
 - For school-community collaboration
- Part C: Policy implications
 - Ending the marginalization of an enabling or learning supports component
 - Expanding school improvement policy
 - Expanding school accountability

Session 4

Intrinsic Motivation

Key topics explored:

- About the third lens: Engaging and re-engaging students in classroom instruction
 - Motivation: beyond reinforcement theory
 - Understanding the motivational bases for disengagement
 - Re-engaging students
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Session 5

School Transformation is About Systemic Change

Key topics explored:

- The challenge of getting from here to there
 - Phases, steps, and linked logic models
 - System change infrastructure and strategies
 - The importance of expanding the accountability framework
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Session 6

Designing a Comprehensive System of Learning Supports and Strategically Planning its Implementation

Key topics explored:

- Developing a prototype design document for a comprehensive system of learning supports
 - Initial strategic and action planning for transformation
 - Institute concluding comments
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