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INAUGURAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE LAUNCHES AT HARVARD EDUCATION REDESIGN LAB

Strengthening Community Leadership to Help All Children Thrive

The Harvard Graduate School of Education's (HGSE) Education Redesign Lab is pleased to announce the launch of the inaugural Leadership Institute for community leaders, taking place at Harvard University November 26-30, 2018.

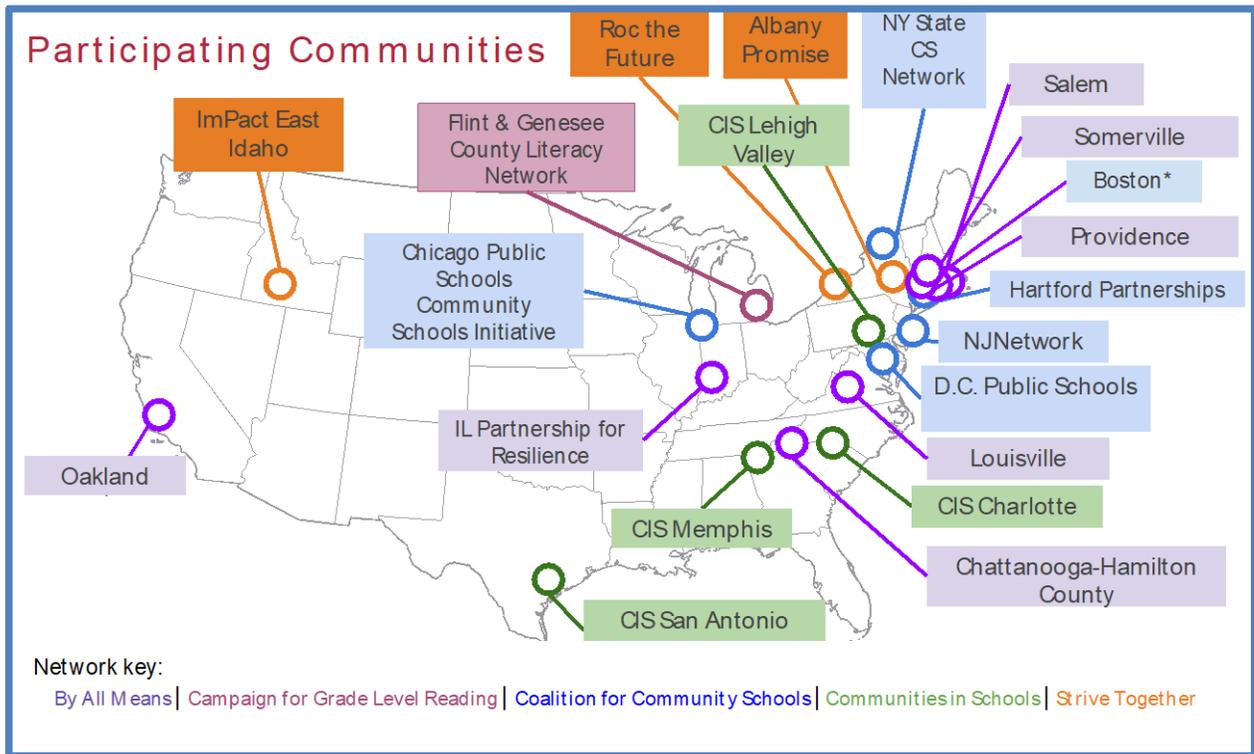
"The belief in the American Dream--that anyone can succeed through hard work--is at the core of what America has represented. But we know for children today, access to opportunity is closely tied to one's zip code, rather than one's talents. It will take efforts like this Institute to help reimagine education for the 21st century and build the leadership and organizational capacity to ensure all children are able to reach their dreams," shared Paul Reville, former Secretary of Education for Massachusetts and founder of the Education Redesign Lab.

The Leadership Institute was first imagined in July 2017, when the Education Redesign Lab convened partners including the Campaign for Grade Level Reading, Children's Aid Society, City Connects, Coalition for Community Schools, Communities in Schools, FourPoint Education Partners, Forum for Youth Investment, Harlem Children's Zone, Promise Neighborhoods Institute at PolicyLink, Say Yes to Education, and StriveTogether. Together, these groups determined that building a pipeline of new leaders and impacting state policy were the two most urgent areas of focus in the field.

"Faculty from Harvard Business School, the Harvard Kennedy School, MIT, and Harvard Graduate School of Education are leading the sessions which are focusing on collaborating for impact, community organizing, resource development, using data to drive decision-making, and personal leadership," shared Jennifer Davis, Senior Associate for National Policy & Partnerships at the Education Redesign Lab. "In addition, she said, each of the 21 teams are bringing a 'Problem of Impact,' a stubborn challenge undermining the organization's success to work on during the Institute."

Participating Teams

The Institute is designed to serve cross-sector teams working together to improve outcomes for children and youth. The Institute has representatives from three state-wide teams, three county/regional teams, and 15 city teams. Participants come from many sectors and systems, including Mayors, city agencies, coalitions, community organizations, school districts, local foundations, policy action groups, universities, researchers, and union leaders.



About Education Redesign Lab

Launched in 2015, HGSE’s Education Redesign Lab’s mission is to give every American child the opportunity to succeed in education and in life by partnering with mayors, superintendents and civic leaders to build integrated education and child development systems able to accelerate positive educational outcomes for low-income children.

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