



### Vision for School Improvement

MDE provides flexible, needs-driven support to LEAs to drive continuous improvement, focusing on partnerships that provide a network of assistance for LEAs and schools that need it most. MDE brings a cross-department approach to providing tailored support across a wide variety of needs focused on whole child outcomes.

### Key Strategies

**PROGRESS UPDATES:** MDE established the Office of Partnership Districts, reorganized the agency to support its vision and increased the flexibility and types of supports offered to high-needs LEAs.

**CHALLENGES:** MDE is addressing leadership turnover at multiple levels, aligning its work with legislative activities and reorienting agency staff to new roles they play and efforts they have undertaken as a part of MDE’s reorganization.

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & COMPLIANCE

- **Templates and rubrics for improvement plans:** Revising needs assessment and continuous improvement processes for LEAs
- **Professional development:** Providing ongoing professional learning to LEAs on district and continuous improvement process, including new ESSA-related requirements
- **Guidance:** Developing materials to explain the continuous improvement process to educators, families and community members and providing guidance to LEAs on (a) ESSA regulations for schools and LEAs (b) the actions MDE will take to identify, support and intervene in CSI, TSI, and additional targeted support (ATS) schools, (c) continuous improvement implementation strategies for TSI schools and (d) evidence-based continuous improvement strategies aligned to ESSA requirements
- **Structures and processes:** Planning to use asset model based on needs and confidence factors to identify differentiated supports for LEAs and schools

### Key Updates

**NEW POLICY/REGULATIONS:** N/A.

**NEW SEA PRACTICE:** MDE is developing a new continuous improvement process in which LEA needs drive planning, which further drives funding and services/supports MDE provides across multiple agency programs.

### Funding: Formula and Competitive

MDE uses a formula to fund TA provided to schools by ISDs and ESAs. A consortium of partners (primarily intermediate school districts and ESAs) that provide TA to CSI, TSI and ATS schools also compete for additional funds.

### State and School Needs SEA

Appropriate staffing to engage in the work and templates or examples from other states

### SCHOOLS

Tailored, flexible support for schools and their LEAs to work on root causes to address needs of the whole child

### Implementation Timeline

<b>Fall '18</b>	New continuous improvement vision introduced
<b>Winter '18</b>	Professional learning focused on assessing needs/continuous improvement process introduced
<b>Spring '19</b>	State report card released
<b>2019-20 SY</b>	Pilot and training for LEAs on continuous improvement process begins
<b>2020-21 SY</b>	Full Implementation of continuous improvement process