**School Innovation Fund Grant (SIF) - Round 1**

**Final Report for the Grant Period: January 1, 2012 - August 31, 2014**

**Please email the final report to your liaison by September 30, 2014.**

**District: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Design Framework: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total Award Amount: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*I hereby certify that I have personally reviewed and validated the information contained in this report, and to the best of my knowledge, the information is complete and accurate.*

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

The purpose of the SIF grant was to increase high school graduation rates, college and career readiness of high school graduates, college persistence, and college graduation rates by increasing the availability of new high quality seats for students at most risk for dropout, disengagement, and poor academic performance. The LEA and its Lead Partner (LP), or a Partner Consortium (PC), were to be jointly accountable to improve student achievement by launching a whole-school redesign within a design framework such as Community-Oriented Schools. School systems, structures, and supports were to be cohesive and fully integrated into the fabric of the comprehensive educational program, increasing the likelihood of sustainability and student success. Your Project Plans housed the blueprint for implementing that design framework.

The NYSED Board of Regents (BoR) indicated its interest in the Community-Oriented Schools model in the November 2012 BoR item: <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2012Meetings/November2012/1112p12d3.pdf>**.**  The discussion focused on the role of wrap-around, full-service, and community-oriented school approaches in ensuring that all students graduate high school ready for college and careers. In examining the State’s role in promoting and supporting full-service and community-oriented approaches to school, the BoR posed critical questions. ***Given that you participated in SIF Round 1, we now ask you for your responses to some of those questions, and for you to share some of your best practices.***

**Part I. Please respond to the following questions with succinct responses.**

**Community-Oriented (Wrap-Around Services) Design Framework:**

1. What benefits have your students experienced with having a community-oriented (wrap-around services) design framework?
2. What principles and/or essential elements guided the development of your community-oriented school?
3. Describe the following services that were provided during the grant period and will be sustained now that the grant ended: health, dental, mental health services, family resource centers, and social or educational services/opportunities for parents/families/community members.
4. How have you measured success of the implementation of this design framework?

**Student Achievement**:

1. Has the use of this design framework led to improved student achievement? Please provide data to support your response.

**District Role:**

1. What role has the district played in creating the conditions for a community-oriented approach to schooling?

**Community Role:**

1. How has your local community achieved coordination of wrap-around services with your school/district serving as an entry-point for promotion of services and prevention?
2. What purposeful community partnerships have you established and plan to sustain now that the grant ended?

**Sustainability:**

1. What do you find to be the greatest challenge in implementing and sustaining this school design framework?
2. Describe the steps you have taken to ensure that LP/PC partner expertise is successfully transferred to LEA/school personnel to build capacity that is sustainable?
3. Describe how the use of public/private funding, and/or district/school budgets will help sustain this design framework.

**Current Stage of your Community-Oriented School**: As per the National Center for Community Schools [www.nationalcenterforcommunityschools.org](http://www.nationalcenterforcommunityschools.org), circle the accurate stage that describes your school, and support your selection.

1. Exploring 2. Emerging 3. Maturing 4. Excelling

**Part II. Please respond to the questions and complete the Chart *(Please be succinct in your responses.).***

**(1) Identify your successful strategies used for those targets you met or surpassed.**

**(2) Identify challenges and strategies to be implemented in the future to reach targets not met.**

**(3) Describe the evidence you collected to show the effectiveness of the LP/PC in improving student achievement.**

**Performance Targets *(Provide a complete two year chart.)***

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|  | Unit  | District Avg | BaselineData | 12-13 Target | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | 12-13Avg | BaselineData | 13-14 Target | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | 13-14Avg |
| **I. Leading Indicators** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Number of minutes in the school year
 | min |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Increased Learning Time
 | min |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Student participation in State ELA assessment
 | % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Student participation in State Math assessment
 | % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Drop-out rate
 | % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Student average daily attendance
 | % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Students enrolled in advanced course work
 | num |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Suspension rate
 | % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Number of discipline referrals
 | num |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Truancy rate
 | % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Teacher attendance rate
 | % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Teachers rated as “effective” and “highly effective”
 | % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Hours of professional development to improve teacher performance
 | num |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Hours of professional development to improve leadership and governance
 | num |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Hours of professional development in the of high quality interim assessments and data-driven action
 | num |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **II. Academic Indicators** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. ELA performance index
 | PI |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Math performance index
 | PI |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Student scoring “proficient” or higher on ELA assessment
 | % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Students scoring “proficient” or higher on Math assessment
 | % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Average SAT score
 | score |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Students taking PSAT
 | num |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Students receiving Regents diploma with advanced designation
 | % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. High school graduation rate
 | % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Ninth graders being retained
 | % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. High school graduates accepted into two or four year colleges
 | % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Student completion of advanced coursework
 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **School Design-specific Indicators** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Part III. “Best Practices” will be shared with other districts on the STO website and on NING. Please use one form per practice.****A Best Practice can be about:** * (1) LP/PC joint accountability with the LEA to improve student achievement; (2) seven educational components of the Project Plan; or (3) the Community-Oriented Schools design framework.

**The Best Practice is one that is:*** (1) currently being implemented; (2) a direct result of your SIF grant; (3) supported by data to support its effectiveness; and (3) supported by an observable positive impact on the school/district.

**Your writing should be as specific and concise as possible for readers to easily replicate the practice:** * (1) be written in plain language with paragraphs no more than 5-6 sentences in a two page maximum document; (2) reference facts; and (3) be written in the active voice (e.g., “X partner provided Y trainings.”).
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* **School/District Background:**  To give the reader a clear picture of your school, district, and community provide an overview of enrollment, geographic location, and the school/district needs that led you to apply for the SIF grant. Provide the website URL for your school/district.
* **Best Practice:** Thoroughly describe a promising practice that is currently being implemented and can be easily replicated by another school/district. Describe the need that has been addressed by the use of this practice.
* **Evidence:** Describe the data showing evidence of success of this practice. Include early indicators of success and early wins. Include the observable, positive impact this practice has on the school/district.
* **Sustainability:** Now that your grant has ended, describe the steps your school/district have in place to sustain your best practice. Include details of funding, staffing, and school/district changes that need to be in place to sustain this best practice.