



CSDE

CONNECTICUT STATE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Alliance District Convening

May 7, 2015 | Opening Session



Our Collective Impact

- 200,000+ students
- 400+ schools
- 30 districts



Alliance District Theory of Change

Targeted Strategies and Investments



Talent



Academics



Culture and Climate



Operations

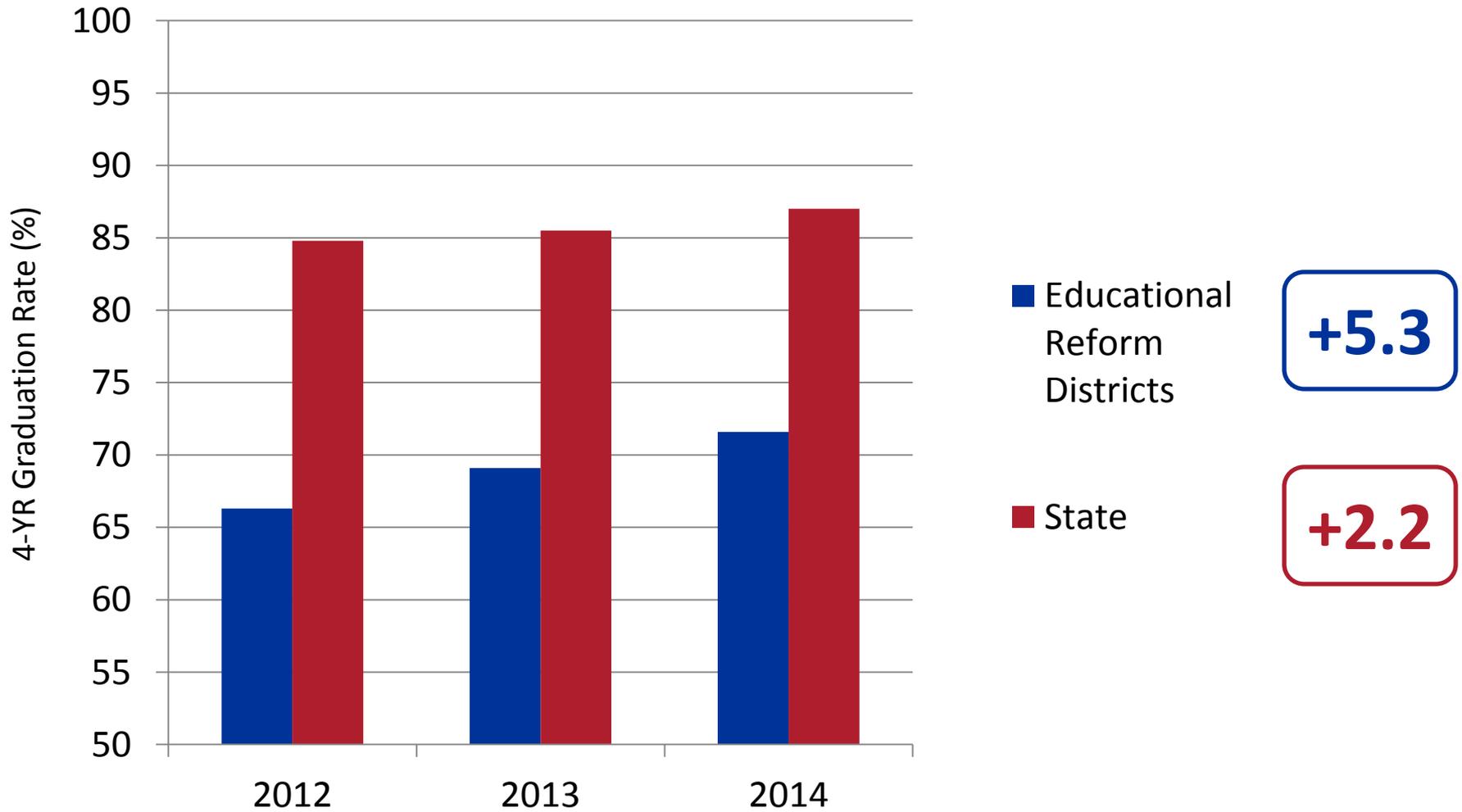


Student Outcomes



↑ Achievement

Improved Student Outcomes - Graduation Rates



Convening Agenda

8:00 am	Registration and Breakfast
8:30 am	Welcome and Opening Session
10:15 am	Breakout Sessions I
11:25 am	Breakout Sessions II
12:30 pm	Lunch Buffet
1:30 pm	Breakout Sessions III

Objectives for the Convening

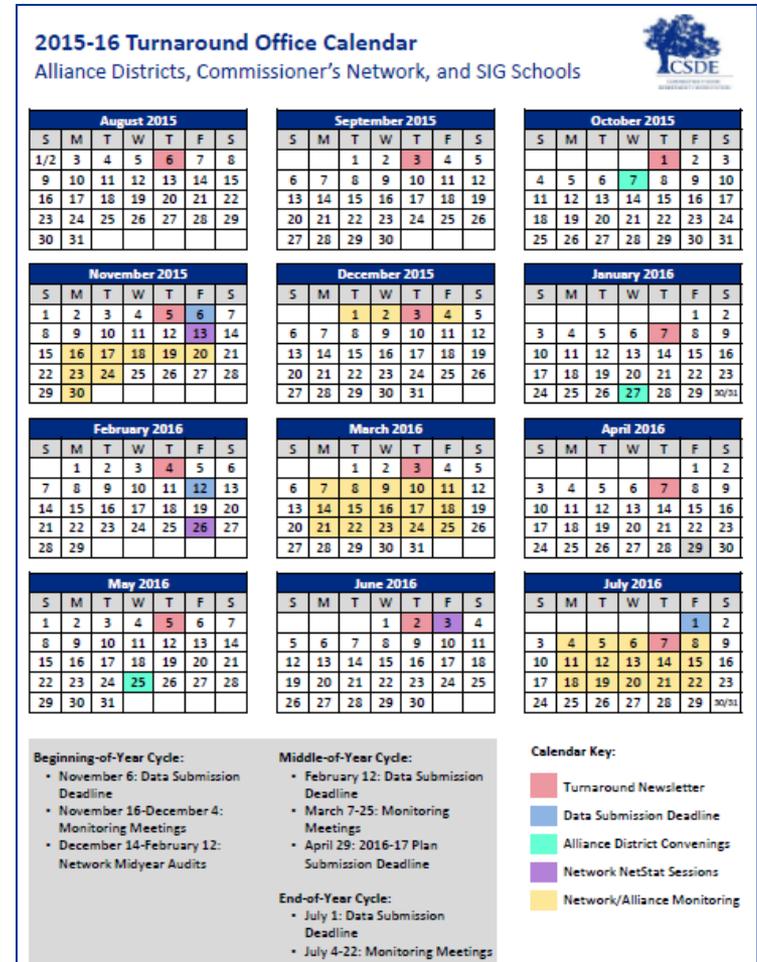
- 1 Celebrate progress made across Alliance Districts.
- 2 Promote collaboration and best practice sharing.
- 3 Provide actionable tools, resources, and strategies.
- 4 Focus on strategies to improve student attendance.

2015-16 AD/PSD Consolidated Applications

- **Thank you** for submitting your 2015-16 plans!
- Teams reviewed applications on Monday and Tuesday of this week. We are working to **align and combine** feedback within the agency. Review teams included RESC experts and representatives from the CSDE Talent, Academic, Turnaround, Performance, Student Support Services, and Special Education Offices.
- You will receive preliminary feedback during your May **Quarter 3** Alliance District monitoring meetings.
- You will have the opportunity to **refine your plans** based on the feedback received, final allocations, and Smarter Balanced Assessment data.

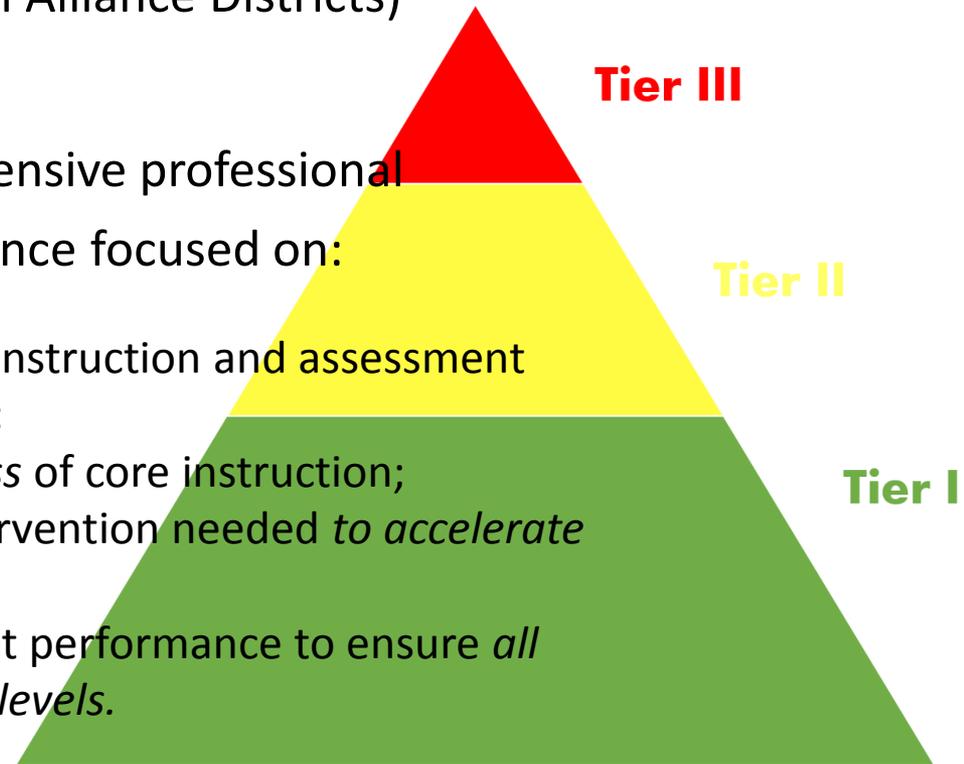
2015-16 Calendar Preview

- 3 monitoring cycles to support continuous improvement.
- April 29, 2016 universal application deadline.
- 3 Alliance Convenings: October 7, 2015; January 27, 2016; and May 25, 2016.



State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG)

- SPDG helps schools build SRBI systems that improve student outcomes.
- To date, over 75 schools (39% from Alliance Districts) have participated.
- Selected schools receive comprehensive professional development and technical assistance focused on:
 - ✓ building multi-tiered systems of instruction and assessment with *systematic decision making*;
 - ✓ *ensuring quality and effectiveness* of core instruction;
 - ✓ determining the intensity of intervention needed to *accelerate student progress*; and
 - ✓ analyzing and monitoring student performance to ensure *all students are achieving at higher levels*.



SPDG Cohort V: 2015-2018

- A minimum of 6-12 openings for the next cohort.
- PK-12 schools welcome to apply.
- Priority given to Alliance Districts with a district “scale up” plan.
- Consideration given to Alliance Districts seeking support for 2+ schools (as space permits).
- Use of Alliance District funds for 1-3 years is permissible; pending receipt of additional federal funding in year 2.
- To apply, send a “Letter of Need/Interest” to donald.briere@ct.gov no later than **May 21, 2015**.
- SPDG Project Management Team will review applications to ensure alignment to the scope and sequence of grant activities.
- Visit www.ctserc.org/spdg for further information.

About LEAD Connecticut

Our Mission	Core Programs
<p>LEAD Connecticut aims to recruit, select, prepare, develop and retain educational leaders to strengthen student learning across all Connecticut districts and classrooms with a priority focus on the schools and districts in the most need of improvement.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turnaround Principal Program 2. Intensive Spring Planning Fellowship 3. UCAPP Residency Program

Turnaround Principal Program

Program Description	LEAD Programs
<p>Overview: A program focused on practical competencies leaders need to improve performance in underperforming schools.</p> <p>Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Institute • Monthly Community of Practice • Coaching <p>Application Deadline: May 14, 2015</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turnaround Principal Program 2. Intensive Spring Planning Fellowship 3. UCAPP Residency Program

Spring Fellowship for Early Hires

Program Description	LEAD Programs
<p>Overview: An intensive two-month program focused on core turnaround leadership competencies with visits to high-performing turnaround schools.</p> <p>Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-month Spring Fellowship • Turnaround Principal Program <p>Application Deadline: May 7, 2015</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turnaround Principal Program 2. Intensive Spring Planning Fellowship 3. UCAPP Residency Program

Program Description	LEAD Programs
<p>Overview: A residency program for aspiring leaders, resulting in 092 certificates.</p> <p>Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residency 4 days/week in a school with a strong mentor • Coursework at UCONN 1 day/week <p>Applicants: Aspiring leaders seeking the intermediate administrator certificate.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turnaround Principal Program 2. Intensive Spring Planning Fellowship 3. UCAPP Residency Program

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Attendance Works Keynote Presentation

Ms. Hedy Nai-Lin Chang, Director, Attendance Works

Attendance Works is a national and state initiative that promotes awareness of the important role that school attendance plays in achieving academic success starting with school entry.

