

New Office of School Improvement Web Site

In 2003, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) established the Office of School Improvement (OSI) to promote student learning and achievement by providing statewide leadership, guidance, and support for a wide range of programs that directly impact teaching and learning, school leadership, and continuous school improvement. Since that time, the OSI, in conjunction with school improvement specialists and educators across the state, has developed a nationally recognized "School Improvement Framework" based on current research and best practices to support school and district continuous improvement efforts.

A new, comprehensive Web site (www.michigan.gov/schoolimprovement) has been created to share the information generated by the OSI. This Web site is filled with general school improvement planning tools, information, promising practices, research, and links to school improvement sites across the nation. In addition, it includes the School Improvement framework's five strands (shown in the table below) and unique resources to specifically support each strand.

| Office of School Improvement Framework Strands |
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| Strand 1 – Teaching for Learning |
| Strand 2 – Leadership |
| Strand 3 – Personnel & Professional Learning |
| Strand 4 – School & Community Relations |
| Strand 5 – Data & Info Management |

In addition, the Web site contains information about OSI conferences, Michigan's Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs), and specific school improvement planning and research tools. For additional information on the Framework, please contact OSI Director Yvonne Caamal Canul at canuly@michigan.gov or Linda Forward at forwardl@michigan.gov.