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INnoVation Schools

a model for flexibility and autonomy for in-district public schools

In January 2010, Governor Patrick signed into law An Act Relative to the Achievement Gap which authorized the establishment of Innovation Schools. The Innovation School model allows community stakeholders to solicit from their local school community flexibilities and autonomies for a conversion or new Innovation School. Massachusetts, a pioneer of education reform efforts, currently has **18 established Innovation Schools**. These schools are spread across the state and are being established for varying grade levels (e.g. elementary, middle, and high school) and school types (e.g. new or converted schools or programs within an existing school). Many of these schools will be organized around specific themes like Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), dual language instruction, International Baccalaureate (IB) programs, alternative education opportunities (such as dropout prevention and dual enrollment at community colleges), virtual platforms and wraparound services. Many of the schools operate with novel schedules that will significantly increase instructional time for students and professional learning opportunities for educators. **Come hear from Innovation School leaders and teachers, as well as from educators working in other innovative school environments. Learn about funding to support planning and implementation of Innovation School.** For more information contact Bridget Rodríguez, Director of Planning and Collaboration at the Executive Office of Education, bridget.rodriquez@state.ma.us or 617.979.8340.

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UMASS Boston

Monday, October 17th, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Springfield Technical Community College

Wednesday, October 19th, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**WEBINARS: Innovation Schools 101:
What are they and how do you start one?**

October 18th, 4:00-5:00pm

October 24th, 4:00-5:00pm