

Insight Education Group, Inc. (CA) - S374A20061

Recommended Funding: \$20,352,726

This application is submitted on behalf of a partnership between the four LEAs of the School District of Palm Beach County (West Palm Beach, FL), Jackson Public Schools (Jackson, MS), the Syracuse City School District (Syracuse, NY), Greenville Independent School District (Greenville, TX), and the for-profit entity Insight Education Group. The application addresses Competitive Preference Priorities 1 and 2 – 39 of the 49 participating schools are in Qualified Opportunity Zones, and the four participating LEAs are all new potential grantees.

Project IGNITE, **I**nnovation **G**enerated by **N**etworked **I**mprovement **T**eams of **E**ducators, provides 49 high-need schools across four states the opportunity to work together in a Networked Improvement Community (NIC) context, focusing on critical interventions impacting student achievement. These interventions include Strategic Planning, Instructional Leadership Teams, Professional Learning Communities, Leadership Academies, Instructional Coaching, an Online Virtual Coaching Platform, and Recruitment and Retention. The purposeful alignment of these interventions ensures they work as a synergistic system rather than isolated silos of intervention.

Project IGNITE's spectrum of interventions thus takes a systems-level approach to improving student achievement, which enhances the likelihood of sustainability and impact over time. Project IGNITE's interventions will work within an aligned theory of action consisting of the following objectives: 1) improve student achievement; 2) increase teacher effectiveness; 3) increase school leader effectiveness; 4) evaluate each intervention against student achievement and cost; 5) create sustainable systems of constant improvement for each of the previous four objectives. Together, these objectives make improvement a sustainable process and not a one-time event, thus enabling the NIC member districts to improve individually, collectively and to ultimately expand systems of improvement to new member districts beyond the life of the grant.