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Innovation and Transformational Network Team

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Dartmouth Public Schools Innovation and Transformational Network Team's final project was to create a video of our journey during this network. Each of the 15 districts that were chosen to participate in this network highlighted their work and discussed challenges, accomplishments and next steps. It was enlightening to listen and learn from districts across the nation. The focus of this network was to collaboratively study best practices, apply principles of innovation to their district-wide planning and work, and reflect on the practices and outcomes. Dartmouth Public Schools' focus of collaboratively studying best practices and applying principles of innovation to our district-wide planning has provided us a greater knowledge and understanding what our students need. We are looking forward to continuing this great innovative work and reflecting on instructional practices and outcomes.

During this work we identified our GPS statement: Using personalized and blended learning, we will create a rigorous, relevant, and risk-rewarding culture that fosters ingenuity and curiosity, inspires collaboration and exploration beyond borders, and consequently develops employable, responsible citizens who live interesting lives. To accomplish this, the district expands mindsets through ongoing and embedded support and guidance; allows students to do the doing; fosters a learning environment that promotes confidence, efficacy, and self-awareness; and measures student outcomes in a progressive and equitable manner.

Through this network, Dartmouth Public School District has accomplished major shifts in instructional impacts, including from teacher directed to student directed, from completion focused to mastery focused, from summative focused to formative focused, from teacher-set goals to student-set goals, and from students as consumers to students as creators. Though these shifts are ongoing, the positive changes to date were accomplished by shifting the educational focus from traditional to blended and personalized learning, allowing students and teachers to take risks. Our Core Team as well as Ambassadors continues to work to insure instructional impact remains purposeful, intentional, targeted, and relevant.

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The mission of Dartmouth Public Schools is to provide a quality education for all learners.