

Dr. Mike Wasta



Dr. Mike Wasta is a Professional Development Associate for The Leadership and Learning Center. He served as Superintendent of Bristol Public Schools and is currently an External Consultant for the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Mike led the Bristol schools in adopting many of the programs and initiatives designed by The Leadership and Learning Center, including Data Driven Decision Making, Data Teams, Holistic Accountability, Making Standards Work, Effective Teaching Strategies, and Common Formative Assessments. By instituting these practices district-wide in a comprehensive and integrated fashion there have been dramatic improvements in student achievement.

Based upon the success of these practices in improving student achievement in Bristol, the Connecticut State Department of Education adopted these strategies as the State improvement model. Mike now works as a consultant to the State Department in assisting other districts throughout the state in implementing these practices in a comprehensive and integrated manner.

In addition to his work in Connecticut, Mike has made numerous presentations throughout New England and beyond, relating the “Bristol Story”. In addition, he has provided training to groups interested in various initiatives, particularly Holistic Accountability, Data Teams and the practical issues involved with “putting it all together” in a district. Recently Mike has been assisting district leaders in strategically preparing their communities for significant change initiatives through a Change Readiness Assessment.

Mike is a former classroom teacher, special education teacher, Director of Pupil Personnel and Assistant Superintendent. He earned his Ph.D. in Special Education from the University of Connecticut.

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