

Dear Principal,

This is an invitation for you to join the League of Innovative Schools (LIS.) Currently, there are twenty-two secondary schools in Connecticut that are part of the League and each is developing a competency-based, personalized system of learning in their schools.

As part of the League, your school would have access to workshops, in-state and regional meetings where your school leadership team would meet with other practitioners from across the state or across New England to learn from one another and share best practices. In short, the League of Innovative Schools is a regional **professional learning community** for schools.

Membership is open to any New England secondary school committed to educational equity, student-centered learning, and ongoing improvement. All participating schools will become part of a growing network of learning institutions working to strengthen their programs, exchange professional expertise, and create better learning opportunities for their students.

We have a series of workshops planned for schools new to the LIS to introduce school leadership teams to the LIS and to develop plans for your school to transform teaching and learning so that students are at the center. If you decide to join the LIS, you will have this academic year to decide if our work is, in fact, taking your secondary school(s) in the direction you would like.

To help defray the cost of the series of workshops, there is a fee of \$1500 per school to join the League. This fee, however, gives you access to four in-state meetings and two regional meetings (any costs incurred by travel to the regional meetings is absorbed by the district.) In mid-March, the New England Secondary School Consortium will hold a Redesign Conference in Norwood, MA. Your schools would be charged at the member (reduced) rate.

If you would like more information or if you are interested in joining the League, please contact me at the above email address or by calling my cell (number listed below.) Please note that this invitation has also gone to Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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