

OSSI Continuous Improvement Supports: Schools and Districts

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Overview

The OSPI Office of System and School Improvement (OSSI) provides assistance to schools and districts identified as eligible for improvement supports based on scores from the 2023 Washington State Improvement Framework (WSIF), including grant funding and systems-level support for school and district leadership.

OSSI Essential Elements of Continuous School Improvement

- ✓ Elevation of anti-racist practices
- ✓ Identification, provision, and growth of equitable supports within learning communities
- ✓ Development of Leadership at All Levels
- ✓ Use of Data Inquiry and Improvement Science Principles
- ✓ Focus on Improving Core Instructional Practices
- ✓ Implementation of Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

Grant Funding

OSSI Continuous School Improvement Funds are available for schools identified for Tier 3 and Tier 3 Plus supports for WSIF Cycle 3 beginning SY 2024-25. The purpose of these funds is to support the implementation of high leverage, evidence-based activities that advance the priority goals identified in the School Improvement Plan (SIP) to reduce opportunity gaps and improve outcomes for students.

Continuous Improvement Partners

Continuous Improvement Partners (CIPs) are highly skilled contractors deployed in all regions of the state available to provide direct systems-level support to school and district leadership for schools identified for Tier 3 and Tier 3 Plus support at no cost to school or districts. CIPs provide essential expertise and facilitation in the development and implementation of:

- Continuous improvement systems, including all essential elements (see above);
- School improvement planning and progress monitoring; and
- Navigating and leading through change.

In addition, CIPs are part of our Regional Coordinated Support Teams (CSTs) composed of leadership from all nine WA State Educational Service Districts and OSSI staff to further coordinate the provision of additional supports, professional development, content-specific resources, and services needed most in each region.

To learn more, or request support from one of our CIPs, contact OSSI@k12.wa.us.

