

Next Steps: 2026

Ready to step into 2026? Lace up—because you’re about to guide your schools to the final stretch of Cycle Three!

You and your teams have important steps ahead, and the work you do over the next year will shape the success of every student by the end of the 2026–2027 school year. Yes, there are grants to apply for, plans to update, reviews to complete, and timelines to meet—but here’s the good news: you’re not taking any of these steps alone. You’ve got tools, templates, guides, office hours, videos, and an entire OSPI team cheering you on with every stride.

Think of this journey as a clearly marked pathway: each step moves you forward, each task gets you closer to stronger systems, smarter supports, and real results for students. You already have everything you need to make progress—your leadership, your teams, and a full library of resources to back you up.

Let’s take that first step and keep moving forward—one clear, purposeful step at a time.

More information can be found on the [Continuous School Improvement Resources Webpage](#).

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<input type="checkbox"/> Step 1: Review Current Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Check in regularly with your team; modify the current plan as needed and think about changes for the 2026-27 school year.OSPI will provide feedback to Tier 3 and Tier 3 Plus schools on the mid-year review and end of year review.	<p>Due to Basecamp, Friday, January 30, 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">SIP Mid-Year Progress Review Due - all schools identified in Tier 3 and Tier 3 Plus.Mid-Year Progress Review (MYPR) feedback period ends: Monday, March 16, 2026. <p>Due to Basecamp, Friday, June 26, 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">SIP End of Year Review (EOYR) Due - all schools identified in Tier 3 and Tier 3 Plus.End-of-Year Review (EOYR) feedback period: July 1 – July 31, 2026.



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<input type="checkbox"/> Step 2: Provide Technical Assistance Topics to New Improvement Team Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Continuous Improvement team creates technical Assistance Topics to cover topics such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing SMARTIE goals MTSS Implementation Comprehensive Needs Assessments, and more... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Released monthly via our newsletter and published on our CI resources Page. View all our videos on YouTube Playlist.
<input type="checkbox"/> Step 3: Attend the Continuous Improvement Webinars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous Improvement team hosts a series of webinars to assist our schools and districts in CI tasks. Webinars are held via virtual and notified through our Government Delivery Newsletter with a sign up through pdEnroller. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Released via our newsletter and published on our CI resources Page.
<input type="checkbox"/> Step 4: Comprehensive Needs Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you did not conduct a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) prior to the 2025-26 school year, use the linked Comprehensive Needs Assessment Toolkit to complete one. Review your previously conducted CNA results and make any needed adjustments to the existing CNA. The results of the updated Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) will inform the districts 2026-27 L-CAP and School Improvement Plans (SIP). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update/revision performed March – July 2026.
<input type="checkbox"/> Step 5 (for district leaders): 2026-27 LEA Consolidated Accountability Plan (L-CAP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All LEAs with a Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and/or Tier 3 Plus school must complete an L-CAP. Work with schools on completing their needs assessments and school improvement plans. Outline how LEAs will support the development, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online L-CAP completed and submitted by August 28, 2026. Applications for the 2026-27 1003 Improvement Grants must include a completed Alchemer L-CAP survey report (.pdf export) as part of the application process via EGMS.

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<p>implementation, and progress monitoring of improvement processes in schools identified for support.</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Step 6 (for school leaders): 2026-27 School Improvement Plan (SIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create your 2026-27 SIP by update or adjust the 2025-26 School Improvement Plan (SIP) and/or adding new goals based on the results of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) review. • Explicitly call out <i>resource inequities</i> and how they will be addressed in the 2026-27 SIP. • Use Evidence-Based Interventions (EBIs) to support the implementation of the SIP. • Pro Tip: <u>Create the 2026-27 SIP and get School Board approval by the end of the 2025-26 school year</u> to be prepared for the next school year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal and state law require Tier 3 and 3 Plus schools to upload their improvement plans to OSPI for review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basecamp Upload for Tier 3 and Tier 3 Plus Schools Due: August 28, 2026.