

## **Dates and Location:**

The 2015 NETWORK summer institute will take place August 3-4, 2015 at Plymouth North High School in Plymouth, MA. Plymouth North is located at:

**41 Obery Street  
Plymouth, MA 02360  
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<http://www.plymouth.k12.ma.us/page.cfm?p=2483>

## **Overview:**

Our final NETWORK summer institute will include professional development and collaboration on day one (8/3/15) and a project school showcase on day two (8/4/15). The two-day agenda can be found later in this document. The school showcase on day two will allow schools the opportunity to share their story of success over the past five years. Based off of the CSSR national school showcase model, all 13 schools will have the opportunity to facilitate/present TWO 75-minute sessions throughout the day each with a student-centered best practice strategy focus. The CSSR team has identified the best practices each school should present during their sessions. It will be the school's decision whether or not they present the same topic twice or select two different topics. The 2015 summer institute is about reflection, building capacity, sustaining initiatives and celebrating our collective success for students as part of the i3 project.

## **Summer Institute Learning Goals:**

Participants will:

- 1. Increase and demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding of the value of rigorous student inquiry learning and authentic performance assessment.*

2. *Build and demonstrate their capacity to utilize student voice and choice through participation in professional development strands.*
3. *Showcase what students and teachers have done to increase student engagement and by engaging in a school showcase presentation model.*
4. *Build their capacity as school leaders - teacher or administrator - to support and sustain meeting I3 project goals by enhancing their instructional leadership knowledge and skills.*

### **Who Should Attend:**

The summer institute is open to all teachers, students and school leaders within the NETWORK. We suggest that your school team include adults and students who have been actively engaged in the project and can speak to the learning/teaching successes and culture changes (actions and behaviors) that have come as a result of project deliverables and technical assistance. Due to the fact that schools will be presenting their success on day two (during the school showcase), it is critical that you have the right voices and perspectives as part of your team.

- It is required that participants attend both days.
- As we celebrate our project's success, it is important that in addition to site coordinators, teacher leaders and students, each team also includes the school principal and district leadership (superintendent and/or assistant superintendent).
- It is required that schools include students as part of their learning and presenting team.

**Agenda:**

<b><u>Monday, August 3, 2015</u></b>	
<b><u>Time:</u></b>	<b><u>Activity:</u></b>
7:15a – 8:15a	Breakfast and participant check-in
8:15a – 8:45a	Welcome address/celebratory comments; Plymouth student-made video
8:45a – 9:00a	Two-day overview, logistics and expectations
9:10a – 11:30a	Carousel Activity – <b><i>see description below</i></b>
11:40a – 12:00p	NETWORK Feedback for Growth and Sustainability; PAR Board conversation space
12:00p – 12:45p	Lunch
12:50p – 1:45p	Paseo Activity – <b><i>see description below</i></b>
2:00p – 3:30p	Team Collaboration: Focus on Sustainability – <b><i>see description below</i></b>
3:30p – 4:00p	Teams prepare their presentation rooms for day two

**Carousel Activity:** This will feature four 30-minute mini-workshops aimed at presenting “*The Final Word*” on the major components of the grant. Participants will be divided into four groups and will rotate through each station with two minutes passing time and a 10-minute break midway through the Carousel.

1. SVC: Facilitator - Nelson Beaudoin
2. Collaborative Practices: Facilitator - Arnie Clayton
3. Performance Assessment: Facilitator - Margaret MacLean
4. Student-Centered Classroom: Facilitators - Diane Kruse & Ruth Whelan Crockett

**Paseo Activity:** The purpose of the Paseo is to have individual in-depth conversations about the grant work with small groups of engaged stakeholders. Conversations will focus on deliverables, outcomes and learning results. The theme of the activity is “*Raising the Bar*” and exploring how our own behaviors and actions will elevate the work beyond the life of the grant. Participants can expect a quick moving activity that includes high levels of energy and collaboration.

**Sustainability Activity:** School teams will meet and site coordinators and/or school principal will facilitate conversations. The work will be guided by findings from the four sustainability mapping sessions conducted in the spring of 2015 and will focus on the CSSR Student Success Ladder and Collaboration Matrix.

<b>Tuesday, August 4, 2015</b>	
<b>Time:</b>	<b>Activity:</b>
7:15a – 7:45a	Breakfast
7:45a – 8:00a	School Showcase Overview and Team Strategy for deployment
8:15a – 9:35a	Showcase Session I
9:50a – 11:10a	Showcase Session II
11:15a – 12:00p	Lunch
12:10p – 1:30p	Showcase Session III
1:45p – 3:05p	Showcase Session IV
3:10p – 3:30p	Final SI/Project Team Debrief

### **School Showcase Overview:**

As we celebrate our successes over the past five years, we want each school to share a best practice (or best practices) that have been developed, refined, implemented and assessed as a result of the i3 grant. Taking the highly successful national Secondary School Showcase model implemented by CSSR and The National Association for Secondary School Principals (NASSP) each year, CSSR is excited to provide each of our NETWORK schools the opportunity as a learning environment to talk about how you navigated barriers and changed the learning and teaching culture to become more student-centered as a result of grant funding and technical assistance coaching.

- You and your team (to include students, teachers and school/district leaders) will have **TWO 75-minute sessions** on day two and can either present the same session twice, OR, identify two different student-centered strategies to discuss with participants. It is important that you think DEPTH over BREADTH and focus on no more than one student-centered strategy per each session.

- We will conduct four session strands throughout the day, and six to seven schools will present during each strand. After a morning planning session, participants will meet with their team and decide which sessions each person will attend. There is NO pre registration for each session. The showcase is not only about sharing best practices, but also for participants to better understand concepts that work and collaborate as a team to create a unique strategy that allows successful implementation back in their own schools. Attending sessions is just as important as presenting! Your entire school team is not required to serve as the presenting body during your scheduled sessions.
- Participants attending the sessions will include NETWORK school colleagues, PAR Board members, funding partners, management team members and outside educators from throughout the New England region. We will be opening this second day up to any educator who is interested in attending. There will be a registration cost for those who are non-NETWORK members.
- Each school will be presented with a suggested topic and will be responsible for providing the following information:
  - 100-word session description
  - Session title
  - Session learning objectives (participants in this session will walk away knowing....)