



# Our Approach to Using ESSA to Create High Schools that Help Communities Thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- Hopeful, positive, future-orientated frame to design high schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> century rather than being seen as failed schools in need of reform
- Goal is not a high school diploma but strong pathways through high school to post-secondary and adult success for all students
- Evidence-based, but locally customized/orientated-not one way for all
- Address stress and scarcity through capacity building and technical assistance partners tightly aligned to community re-design vision and goals
- Break social isolation via cross-state networks of schools facing similar challenges, provide opportunity for school leaders to travel to see other possibilities
- In high needs communities make re-designed high school the center of community economic development and social integration efforts

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Support Their  
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