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The Center for Education Innovation (CEI) is working to improve educational outcomes for elementary school children in New Bedford, one of our state's lowest performing districts. We are demonstrating a successful, comprehensive and affordable program that can be replicated in other districts around our state and our nation.

CEI provides the conditions and technical resources to create sustainable, supportive professional learning communities that enable student success. CEI works with partner schools to provide professional development services that enable teachers to integrate technology into the classroom and the curriculum. CEI also coaches teachers on how best to use data from assessments to improve teaching and learning. The model we have developed keeps the relative costs per pupil low and the potential for scalability high.

Recent data affirms our impact by showing significantly improved student performance when CEI was introduced in 2014 at two additional New Bedford elementary schools: Campbell and Lincoln. Highlights of CEI's impact on teachers and students include:

- MCAS ELA Student Growth Percentile (SGP) of 9% at the Campbell School, raising the schools performance rank from a Level 3 to a Level 2 (The only school in the district to go up a level).
- 2013-2014 ELA district benchmark scores showing “Superior” and “Above Average” gains at the two schools, respectively.
- Greater student and teacher access to technology, more technology integration in the classroom, and school cultures that promote the effective use of technology, when compared to their peers in other New Bedford elementary schools.
- Improved teacher ability to use formative assessment data to enhance student performance, particularly through software-based systems (for example, Lexia Reading Core 5 which, when integrated into classroom instruction, allows for individualized learning in reading).
- Approximate cost per pupil: \$460 (Actual: \$1,068,275/2,360 students)
(Projected for entire district: \$6,000,000/12,744 students)

The Center for Education Innovation is located at Friends Academy in North Dartmouth (a pre-K through 8th grade independent school). A true public-private partnership, CEI was established in 2011 with a grant from Al and Kate Merck.