

## NETWORK LEARNING COMMUNITY

with the District and School Improvement Center  
at American Institutes for Research

## Back to School 2020

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has thrust education leaders into uncharted territory with the sudden onset of distance learning and an abbreviated school year. As districts look to reopen for the 2020–21 school year, the District and School Improvement (DSI) Center at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) seeks to walk alongside district and school partners to provide support. We are introducing a virtual networked learning community that will provide an opportunity to connect, problem-solve, and share approaches with other educators in a dedicated online space.

DSI's Network Learning Community features a series of virtual sessions that bring together district and school leadership teams from across the state to share and learn from one another and from AIR experts as they discuss reopening of school for the 2020–21 school year. By participating in the Network Learning Community, you'll gain a community of thought partners to help work through the decisions critical to planning for the return to school.



Your professional practice in a diverse, supportive network community.



Utilize practical tools and processes to increase team effectiveness and implementation of data systems.



Use researched-based resources on how to approach reopening schools and rebuild community.



I enjoy the sharing of ideas from other administrators that I typically wouldn't have an opportunity to collaborate with on a regular basis. Being from a one-school district, it's nice hearing what other schools are doing to improve and/or maintain a successful school environment."

—David L. Brown, Assistant Superintendent,  
General George S. Patton School, Riverdale, Illinois

As a bonus, you will become a part of our Network Learning Online Community on AIR's Innovation Hub. The Innovation Hub is a private group space where educators share resources and best practices to ensure access, opportunity, and equity for all students.



## Expected Outcomes of DSI's Back to School Network Learning Community:

- Identify decision points for reopening school in fall 2020, with a focus on providing equitable access and opportunity to learn for students most impacted by school closure.
- Explore blended learning models to strengthen remote learning plans for possible fall 2020 implementation (starting or intermittent).
- Prepare leaders and teachers to plan for assessing and addressing student learning gaps and social-emotional learning needs.
- Determine needs and mechanisms to rebuild community and provide trauma-informed supports.



## Cost

Free for IL-EMPOWER districts and schools (up to 5 participants per district/school team).

We are here to stand with you through  
this journey to the unknown.

**Join DSI's Network Learning Community.**