# Leadership and Teaming in CTTI

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## Internal Evaluation of Leadership and Teaming within CTTI

- Program implementation
- Examination of prioritized outcomes
- Emergent themes
- Major methodology
  - Observations of leadership development programming
  - Surveys of participants in leadership programming
  - In-depth interviews and observations with 10 case study teachers over 1, 2, or 3 years

#### Leadership Development and Teaming Implementation and Outcomes

- Implementation
  - Leadership development workshops implemented as planned in most cases
  - Some issues with scheduling and teacher attendance
  - Various active teams in schools

- Outcomes
  - Compared findings to outcomes prioritized by CTTI Steering Committee

### Prioritized Leadership and Teaming Outcomes

Leadership	<ul> <li>Develop key leadership skills in order to engage in curriculum changes</li> <li>Develop skills in collaborating with adults within a teaching and learning environment</li> <li>Act as change agents within their individual schools</li> <li>Able to tap talents of CTTI and non-CTTI teachers in development and design of new curricula</li> <li>Administration on board with changes proposed by CTTI teachers</li> </ul>
Collaboration and Teaming	<ul> <li>Integrate big ideas in math and science and can support discussions of bridging ideas in math and science throughout the high school curriculum</li> <li>Engaged in 12<sup>th</sup> grade AND 9-11<sup>th</sup> grade curricula (identification, adaptation, and implementation) through active teacher-leader teams</li> <li>Use leadership skills when engaged in curriculum changes and able to lead school-based changes in curricula</li> <li>Use current content knowledge and contemporary research in curriculum modifications and development</li> <li>Take the lessons learned from CTTI and transmit these to other teachers in terms of content and pedagogy</li> </ul>

## Leadership & Teaming Outcomes: Findings

- Highly evident
  - Leadership skill development
  - Collaboration between CTTI participants and non-participants
  - Application of CTTI content and leadership learning on teams
  - Thinking and working on implementing innovations
- Moderately evident
  - Actual implementation of changes to curricula
    - Also a function of timeline: more changes to come
- Challenge areas
  - Direct principal/administrative support in implementing new curricular changes
    - Often a result of school structures than of true lack of support
  - Major school-level changes
    - Most often school/district politics

#### **Emergent Themes: Leadership**

- 1. What types of leaders?
- 2. In what roles?
- 3. Leading in what ways?

#### 1. What Types of Leaders?

- 1a. Novice—new to leadership, CTTI as a game-changer
- 1b. Emerging—already considered themselves leaders or enacted leadership in school; CTTI is a springboard for further development
- 1c. <u>Established</u>—more established teachers with a strong sense of leadership either formal or informal; CTTI further develops this

#### 2. In What Roles?

- 2a. <u>Informal</u>—leadership from within the ranks; not in a formally recognized position
- 2b. Formal—formally recognized position
- 2c. Outside of school—leading outside of the regular school environment

#### 3. Leading in What Ways?

- 3a. <u>Advocates</u>—those who advocate for instructional innovation (and sometimes for CTTI as a platform for this)
- 3b. <u>Self-Improvers</u>—those who are leading in a more individual fashion; often it "diffuses" to other teachers in the school
- 3c. <u>Action-takers</u>—those who are taking concrete steps to make positive changes in the schools

### Emergent Themes: In-School Teaming

- 4. Who is teaming?
- 5. In what ways?
- 6. Within which teams?

#### 4. Who is Teaming?

- 4a. Teams include multiple CTTI teachers
- 4b. Teams include CTTI teachers and other nonparticipating teachers
- 4c. Cross-departmental teaming

#### 5. Teaming in What Ways?

- 5a. Teams discuss 12th grade curricula
- 5b. Teams discuss/use specific CTTI concepts and tools
- 5c. Teams using general CTTI learning in their work

#### 6. Working Within Which Teams?

- 6a. Department teams
- 6b. Course teams
- 6c. Other teams

### Sample Findings

	Who is leading?		in what roles?		in what ways?		Who is teaming?			on which teams?			in what ways?					
	1a. Novice	1b. Emerging	1c. Established	2a. Informal		2c. Outside	3a. Advocates	3b. Self- Improvers	3c. Action- Takers	4a. Teaming among participants	4b. Teaming CTTI with non-		5a. Dept. teams	5b. Course teams	5c. Other teams	6a. Discuss 12th grade	6b. Discuss CTTI on teams	6c. CTTI learning affects teams
School A																		
School B																		



#### **Implications**

- Case school commonalities
  - All are creating self-improvers, advocates, and actiontakers
  - Most schools have informal leaders
  - Most schools have emerging leaders
  - CTTI learning affects teaming in some way in all schools
  - Nearly all have teaming between participants and nonparticipants

#### **Implications**

- Case school differences
  - Variations in:
    - Presence of formal leaders
    - Presence of novice and established leaders
    - Types of teams present at schools
    - Degree to which CTTI-specific concepts and tools used on teams
    - Extent of between-department teaming
  - Implications for efficacy of teachers to implement change



Figure 1. The Theory of Change Model building on the CTTI Program Model to envision the chain of events with Teacher/Leader Teams seen as agents of change guiding curriculum development, change in teacher practice, and student outcomes.