Resources

Street Law staff expertise

Street Law professional development models for current and contested issues discussions

Street Law models for developing teacher-leaders to facilitate professional development

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Strategies and Activities

Strategy 1: Provide professional development and coaching to teachers.

- 1.1. Conduct professional development workshops for 4th-12th teachers.
- teachers to support improved classroom instruction.
- 1.3. Develop teacher-leaders to be district models and professional development facilitators.

Outputs

452 teachers from across MD's 24 districts receive 15 – 35+ hours of professional development on conducting high-quality, research-based current and contested issues discussions in the classroom.

1.2. Provide on-going instructional coaching to least 60% of teachers indicate feeling more comfortable and confident integrating current and contested issues discussions into classroom instruction.

> 4 instructional coaches provide planning, observation, and feedback support to 172 teachers.

72 teachers from across MD's 24 districts are trained as teacher-leaders.

Short Term Outcomes (1-2 Years)

According to a post-survey, the proportion of trained teachers who teach about current and contested issues frequently increases by 25 percentage points by the end of year 2.

According to a survey, or other assessment of quality, the On post-professional development workshop surveys, at proportion of trained teachers who implement lessons on current trained teachers receiving 35+ hours of and contested issues with fidelity increases by 25 percentage points by the end of year 2.

> According to a post-survey, there is a 25-percentage point increase in the proportion of trained teachers who report feeling more confident and comfortable integrating current and contested issues into instruction in culturally responsive ways that integrate social-emotional learning best practices by the end learning best practices.

GPRA: According to pre-and post-assessment data, participating there is a 35-percentage point increase in the teachers will improve content knowledge of American history. civics and government, and geography with a 10% average gain by the end of year 2.

Long Term Outcomes (3-5 Years)

Teacher-level

By the end of year 3, according to a post-survey and/or other assessment of quality, there is a 50percentage point increase in the proportion of professional development who report teaching about current and contested issues more frequently; implement lessons on current and contested issues with fidelity; and feel more confident and comfortable integrating current and contested issues into instruction in culturally responsive ways that integrate social-emotional

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72 teacher-leaders lead professional development activities in 24 school districts

GPRA: According to pre-and post-assessment data, participating teachers will improve content Street Law staff expertise

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Strategy 2: Expand the systems of support for At least 60 district and school-level administrators school-based administrators and district administrators

- 2.1. Integrate district and school administrators into professional development planning and implementation.
- 2.2. Convene cohorts of school and district administrators regularly to share best practices.
- 2.3. Develop teacher-leaders to create district- administrators. aligned, culturally relevant, local resources that can be used in current and contested issues discussions districtwide.

participate in Street Law-led professional development retreats to improve support of current and contested issues discussions in their districts and schools.

On post-professional workshop surveys, 60% of district and school administrators report feeling more prepared to By the end of year 2, a post-survey of school district support integration of current and contested issues into classroom instruction.

100% of initial district-level professional development planning processes include input from district and school the project.

100% of district-level sustainability planning processes include input from district and school administrators.

Six district and school-level administrator professional learning communities (PLCs) convene twice per year to reflect on best practices in instruction and support.

At least 48 teachers participate in virtual curricular resource development institutes throughout the life of the project.

At least 48 district-specific, culturally relevant resources are developed by trained teachers and used in school districts for current and contested issues discussion instruction.

By the end of year 1, a post-survey of teachers shows an increase of 25 percentage points in the proportion of teachers who believe that their school administrators and district leaders support current and contested issues discussions in the

administrators shows an increase of 25 percentage points in the proportion of administrators who believe that they have the resources to support ongoing implementation of professional development and curricular resource design beyond the life of

Student-level

By the end of year 3, according to state and/or district assessment data, the proportion of students whose literacy skills improve increases by 10 percentage points.

By the end of year 3, according to a post-survey, the proportion of teachers reporting that students' speaking and listening skills have improved increases by 25 percentage points.

By the end of year 3, according to a post-survey, the proportion of teachers reporting that students are more engaged in their social studies courses increases by 25 percentage points.

Following the completion of the program, according to state and/or district assessment data, the proportion of students with proficient knowledge about social studies content (U.S. history, civics/government, geography) increases by 10 percentage points.

Following the completion of the program, according to state and/or district assessment data, or teacher post-surveys, the proportion of students with proficient social studies skills (understanding multiple perspectives, developing claims using textbased evidence, analyzing sources for bias) increases by 10 percentage points.

Street Law expertise

Street Law toolkit and resource models for communicating about current and contested issues discussions

Street Law "Community Deliberation" discussion model

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for teachers, school-based administrators, and districts each year district administrators using student and community member input.

- 3.1. Convene students on a student voice panel biannually to improve professional development and curriculum development activities.
- and schools to provide professional development and communicate about current and contested issues discussions.
- 3.3. Integrate feedback from community deliberative discussions into professional development plans and toolkits.

Student panel meets biannually to discuss effective practices, needs, and wants for current and contested issues discussions in their schools and districts. This feedback is then integrated into professional development design, curricular resources design, and toolkits for future use.

3.2. Develop toolkits and resources for districts Street Law develops one toolkit to support professional development and communication about current and contested issues discussions. Toolkit is informed by ongoing feedback, data, and reflection in the project.

> 240 people participate in community deliberative discussions and provide feedback that can be integrated into professional development plans and toolkits

On post-community deliberation surveys, 60% of community members report valuing the integration of current and contested issues discussion into classroom instruction.

Strategy 3: Improve professional development Recruit panel of 12-15 students from participating school By the end of year 2, according to a survey of student panelists, there is a 25-percentage point increase in the proportion of participating student panelists who believe that their input matters and is informing project improvement, including professional development and curriculum development activities. discussions in the classroom.

> By the end of year 2, a survey of school district staff (teachers, district administrators, and/or school administrators) shows a 25- student participants in the community deliberation percentage point increase in the proportion of staff who use resources from the toolkit to communicate to the community about current and contested issues discussions.

By the end of year 3, according to a survey, there is a 50-percentage point increase in the proportion of teachers who believe that they can foster community support of current and contested issues

According to a year 3 survey, there is a 25percentage point increase in the proportion of who value cross-generational community dialogue about current and contested issues.

According to a year 3 survey, there is a 25percentage point increase in the proportion of school district staff (teachers, district administrators, and school administrators) who value cross-generational community dialogue about current and contested issues.