

# School Improvement Technical Assistance Partner Profile

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## Background

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SI2 is a service provided by Inspire Success (formerly the American Student Achievement Institute) a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to help those who help students succeed with the tools, resources, and supports that lead to world-ready citizens.

### SI2 supports:

- Effective Leaders
- Supportive Environment
- Ambitious Instruction
- Involved Families
- Collaborative Teachers

## Approach

SI2 utilizes targeted, evidence-based practices and veteran Indiana administrators and educators to guide Indiana schools and communities through a proven school improvement process that promotes effective teaching and a culture of high expectations to improve student academic achievement.

SI2 was one of the first programs in Indiana to assist schools in creating a strategic, locally-focused school improvement plan for full accreditation. Since its beginning, SI2 has helped more than 300 Indiana schools realize improved student outcomes including:

- 174 Elementary schools
- 32 Elementary/Middle Schools
- 41 High Schools
- 84 Middle/Junior High Schools
- Nine K-12 Schools

“SI2 is helping schools make remarkable progress”

Instead of concentrating on a single program or achievement gap, SI2 guides schools through a comprehensive research-based process that involves reviewing achievement data from multiple angles so that school communities can select and implement evidence-based practices to measurably advance student learning.

Schools enrolled in SI2 participate in structured, monthly meetings aligned with each step of the



successful vision-to-action process. Following each monthly discussion, school-based steering teams facilitate data-driven discussions with teachers, students, and community members in reviewing locally-developed student achievement goals, identifying strengths and challenges, isolating possible root causes, and implementing intentional interventions.

As schools initiate evidence-based interventions, SI2's innovative online data information system allows for easy recording and monitoring of data outputs and outcomes. Schools then review and revise implementation plans as needed in a cycle of guided continuous improvement.

SI2's online data system allows schools to easily and effectively disaggregate student performance data. SI2 also provides templates for local school and community-based discussions, including surveys and remote discussion tools, and veteran Indiana administrators and educators who serve as SI2 planning specialist to guide the process and address any questions via phone, webchat or email.

- Monthly meeting resources include discussion prompts, data collection tools, rubrics, facilitator guides, and web-based templates
- Online data information and monitoring system customized for your school
- Timely written feedback on work submitted for review
- On-call support and consultation with a dedicated staff member
- One-button click produces your annual SIP in PDF format

## Impact

SI2 helps schools make a measurable impact on student achievement. Here are two examples:

In the 10 years that **Lanesville Community School Corporation** has been involved with **SI2** the corporation's annual graduation rate has risen steadily to 98%, more students earn Core 40 and Honors diplomas, and the percentage of graduates with at least three college credits is now almost 100%.

The school has been recognized by the State of Indiana four times for Advanced



Placement improvement. "In large part, our success is due to our work with SI2..."

**North Daviess Elementary** is in year three of using the SI2 process to design its school improvement plan. Prior to using SI2, the school improvement plan involved simple updates of achievement data completed by the principal with no other input. With SI2, the school has an actively engaged school improvement steering team that examines the data and holds meaningful monthly discussions with staff, students, parents, and community members.

Principal Renee Judy states, "**I am not going to tell you that working with SI2 is an easy process.** This is a process appropriately paced that takes an entire school year to complete with bench marks along the way. It is designed to make sure we take a look at our data, report it, analyze, and prepare to make changes. **It makes us hold ourselves accountable.**"