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Stories of Impact & Innovation: Unique Solutions to Common Challenges

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**Stories of Impact and Innovation: CSI
School Leaders Share Unique
Solutions to Common Challenges**

Introductions

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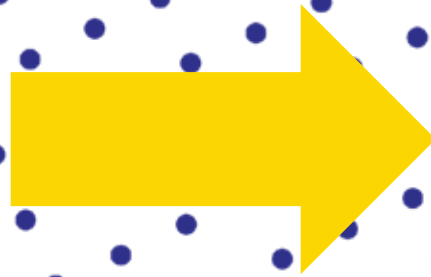
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Innovation in Practice



Unique Solutions to Common Issues

Using a tiered support and oversight process to identify unique and impactful school practices



- Model Agnostic
- Successful Implementation
- Evidence of Impact
- Portable Takeaways

Amplifying Practices

- Theory of change
 - If we highlight **strong, innovative practices** in our current portfolio of schools, then schools and school leaders will be **faster to identify and adopt workable solutions** to pressing issues in their community.
- Plan for dissemination
 - Present and share at CSI meetings
 - Print and electronic copies shared with CSI and school boards
 - Present at local and national conferences
 - Share specific vignettes with groups of similar schools
 - Create annual process for school and CSI staff submission

Jenny Whitaker, Head of School

AXIS International Academy

“Transportation Reimbursement Program Expands Access for Families” p. 6

Sarah Gramarossa, Chief Academic Officer

The Academy of Charter Schools

“Expanded Learning Time & Staff Retention Fuel Growth for Students With Disabilities”
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Community Liaison

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“Multipronged Approach to Family Engagement Strengthens School-Community Ties”
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