District Receives $1M in Matching Funds Through Achievement Network’s Breakthrough Results Fund

Joins national cohort of school systems poised for academic improvement

BELLEVUE, Wash. – Bellevue School District (BSD) was selected from among 150 school systems for participation in a national initiative to ensure that every student in the district has consistent access to high quality instruction. The initiative, called the Breakthrough Results Fund, is led by Achievement Network (ANet), a national education nonprofit whose community-based teams have supported 1,500 schools to improve student learning outcomes across the country.

Through the Breakthrough Results Fund, 10 BSD schools will receive ANet’s full partnership support for four years—including a dedicated coach, instructional tools, and professional learning. School partnerships will be paired with district level coaching and support to enable and reinforce the school level work. Participating districts and schools will also share the stories of their instructional improvement over time.

“We are excited about the partnership with the Achievement Network,” said Superintendent Ivan Duran. “We believe ANet’s work will support our leaders, teachers and staff in developing greater understanding of high quality instruction. Ultimately, this work will help us to achieve our purpose of ensuring that each one of our students achieves success in our classrooms every day.”

Research has shown this work is most effective when schools prioritize it consistently over several years; the Breakthrough Results Fund is a four-year partnership, funded by Ballmer Group, to allow for such consistency over time. The district will also receive 1-to-1 matching funds of up to $1 million over four years to fuel this work.

“School leaders and teachers are asked to do so much every day. ANet’s partnership is designed not to ask them to do more but to help them make the most effective use of their very precious time,” said Mora Segal, ANet’s CEO. “We are honored to be working alongside these systems over the next four years to build on schools’ strengths and achieve excellence for all students.”

ANet is a national education nonprofit that, for over thirteen years, has worked to ensure schools provide equitable opportunities for all children by supporting teaching and learning grounded in standards, data, and the practices of great educators. ANet works alongside leadership teams in 800 schools and 100 school systems this year to strengthen their school- and system-wide practice and culture of using learning standards and data to get breakthrough results for students. Please see this document for more detail on ANet’s model and results.

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