

Center for Innovation



Excerpt from The Exploris Strategic Plan (2013-2018) - Exploris will establish itself as an educational leader in N.C – widely recognized for its educational excellence, student success, leadership, and public advocacy. We will develop the Exploris brand as a center for educational innovation and achievement. Also we will develop a marketing and communication plan to address both internal as well as external communications. Finally, we will extend Exploris’s network of public and private partnerships regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Draft Center for Innovation Mission - The Center for Innovation is a learning community that engages educators in ... This is done by.....
(What do we do? How do we do it? Who is it for? What value are we bringing? What are our “known fors”: PBL, partnerships, relationships, service-learning, civic engagement, standards-based grading, reflection: goal-setting, student led conferences, portfolios)

Draft Center for Innovation Vision - The Center for Innovation will empower and connect educators to change the world ... (Inspiration for the future)

Draft Tagline: Empowering educators to change the world.

Questions for the Exploris Staff & Study Team	Questions for the Exploris School Board
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is the Mission? Vision? ● What are our “known fors” that would anchor our professional development offerings? ● Who are the internal and external stakeholders that will be impacted by the Center? ● Who are the key users? ● Which professional development formats are most effective and desired? ● How is the faculty involved as leaders (Time and stipends)? As users (Cost to the Center)? ● Where will the Center live? Is it a designated space? Can we, the faculty, share this space? ● Who are our key partners? ● What will be our key challenges? ● What will be our strengths? ● Who might be external funders for this endeavor? ● What will be the progression Y:1? Y:2? Y:3? ● Do you want to be more involved in the planning process? ● What other questions should we be asking? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is the mission? Vision? ● Who are the internal and external stakeholders that need to be included in the planning of the Center? ● What will be the Center’s structural relationship with the Exploris Board? ● Will the Center’s budget operate out of the Exploris School budget or the Foundation 501(c)(3)? ● Who might be external funders for the Center vs. the Capital Campaign? ● Who will have the authority to pursue the funding? ● Will the person paid to build out the center be a director? Does this person report to Exploris School Director? Foundation Board? ● How many educators do we expect to reach in the first year? Contact hours? Who will measure success of progression? ● Who are our key partners? ● What will be our key challenges? ● What will be our strengths? ● What will be the progression Y:1? Y:2? Y:3? ● What other questions should we be asking?

List of Schools/Organizations Offering Professional Development Opportunities:

School / Destination
Duke School & The Educators Institute Durham, NC
Summit School & Center for Excellence and Innovation Winston-Salem, NC
Mount Vernon Presbyterian School & Mount Vernon Institute for Innovation Atlanta, GA
Ron Clark Academy & Educator Training Atlanta, Ga
High Tech High , High Tech High Graduate School of Education , and The Center for Research on Equity San Diego, CA
Design39 & Future Is Now San Diego, CA
Nueva School & Innovative Learning Conference Hillsborough (K-8), CA and Bay Meadows (9-12), CA
Realm Charter School , Project H Design , & Un-professional Development Berkeley, CA
Synapse School Menlo Park, CA
Alt-School
d.School Palo Alto, CA
Envision Schools Three schools in California
Exploratorium San Francisco, CA
Cooper Hewitt New York, NY
Henry Ford Learning Institute Henry Ford Academies (4 charter schools) 3 schools in Detroit, MI and 1 in TX
IDEA Lab at St. Martins New Orleans, LA