

A Smart \$4.6 Million Investment to

# TRANSFORM EDUCATION IN MICHIGAN



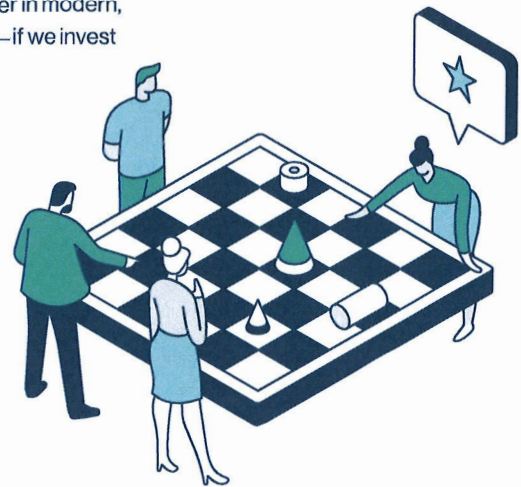
## Michigan's Education System

### IS AT A BREAKING POINT

Today's K-12 education system wasn't built for today's students, teachers, or economy. Outdated policies, rigid practices, and one-size-fits-all instruction leave students disengaged, teachers burnt out, and employers struggling to find a skilled workforce.

**We're not just facing a challenge—we're facing a crisis.**

But we also have an opportunity. Michigan can become a national leader in modern, student-centered learning—if we invest wisely and act now.



## The Future of Learning Council (FLC):

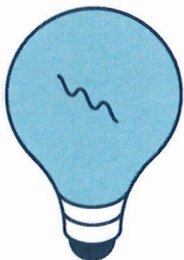
### PROVEN ENGINE FOR CHANGE

Founded in 2021, the FLC is a grassroots network of nearly 70 Michigan school districts—public, charter, and ISDs—working together to implement **Personalized Competency-Based Learning (PCBL)**.

PCBL empowers students to learn at their own pace, focuses on mastery—not seat time—and helps educators personalize instruction to meet real student needs.

FLC districts meet monthly, share resources, tackle policy barriers, and test new practices in real classrooms. **This isn't theory—it's action.**

Recognized as a leading voice in education innovation, the FLC is a trusted source for school leaders working to design and implement transformative learning models.



## WHAT'S THE ASK?

**We are seeking a \$4.6 million investment over three years to scale what's already working—and accelerate transformation across Michigan.**



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# THE PLAN

## A Three-Part Statewide Strategy

Your investment will directly support:



### Tailored Cohorts + Professional Development

Multiple cohorts will be designed to guide districts through PCBL adoption based on readiness. Monthly workshops, virtual PD, and a curated Learning Library will give teachers practical tools they can use right away.



### Transformation Loops

Districts will move through cycles of design, implementation, and reflection—building momentum, spreading best practices, and continuously improving.



### Celebrations of Learning

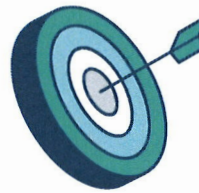
Local and statewide events will showcase success, build public awareness, and inspire even more districts to join the movement.

## OUTCOMES:

### Measurable. Sustainable. Scalable.

With this funding, we will deliver:

- **Higher student engagement and achievement** through personalized instruction and real-world learning.
- **Improved educator retention and satisfaction** by reigniting passion and reducing burnout.
- **A scalable, proven model** that can shape state policy and be replicated in other states.
- **Community empowerment** through deep engagement with families, businesses, and local leaders.



## PROOF It Works.

Nearly **70** Districts are already collaborating.

Dozens of schools are **actively implementing PCBL**.

Educators are transforming their practice, and **students are responding with greater engagement and ownership**.

**This work is being done today—on limited budgets and sheer passion.**

**NOW IT'S TIME TO SCALE IT.**

**MICHIGAN  
CAN'T AFFORD  
TO WAIT**

**This is more than a grant request. It's an invitation to lead. A \$4.6 million investment in the Future of Learning Council will:**

- **Support teachers.**
- **Empower students.**
- **Rebuild Michigan's education system from the inside out.**

**Let's build an education system that works—for everyone.**

#### Signed by Educational Leaders from Across Michigan

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