

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY



A **Professional Learning Community (PLC)** is educators committed to **working collaboratively** in ongoing processes of collective inquiry and action research to **achieve better results** for the students they serve. PLCs operate under the assumption that the key to improved learning for students is **continuous, job-embedded learning** for educators.

4 CRITICAL QUESTIONS OF A PLC

- 1 **WHAT DO WE WANT ALL STUDENTS TO KNOW AND BE ABLE TO DO?**
- 2 **HOW WILL WE KNOW IF THEY LEARN IT?**
- 3 **HOW WILL WE RESPOND WHEN SOME STUDENTS DO NOT LEARN?**
- 4 **HOW WILL WE EXTEND THE LEARNING FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ALREADY PROFICIENT?**

The success of the PLC concept depends not on the merits of the concept itself, but on the most important element in the improvement of any school -- the commitment and persistence of the educators within it.