

# #VAis4Learners

# Innovation Network

Monthly Cohort Update - September 2020



## Leveraging the VaLIN Network

We are excited to re-engage with VALIN Cohort II as we come together for the virtual VALIN Networking Session on October 7th.

The Steering Committee and your ALP Innovation Coaches have been thoughtful about the driving question that will focus our work: ***How might we leverage our network to promote deeper learning, active engagement, and equity for all learners as we move into Taking Action during the fall semester and beyond?***

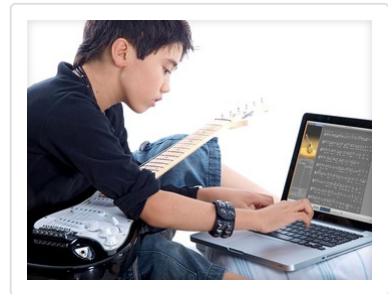
As we move through the day, you will have opportunities to reflect and take next steps with colleagues within your division and across the network. No need to prepare.

## VaLIN 2020 Birds of a Feather Action Teams

On the afternoon of October 7th, the ALP coaches will bring together teams that are thematically aligned to innovation goals to work together around design, implementation, and reflection on your respective approaches to innovation. These virtual “birds of a feather” connections will build on the areas of focus from this summer’s learning by activating action teams. During these sessions you can expect:

- To connect with the network around solutions to common challenges
- To be generative as a network
- To leverage the network to keep equity and innovation at the front
- To share and learn from others “vision of what’s possible”.

October 7th is the launch event for these “Birds of a Feather” opportunities that will lead to additional experiences for you to engage in between October and December 2020. Reach out to your ALP coach with questions.



## Learner Profile

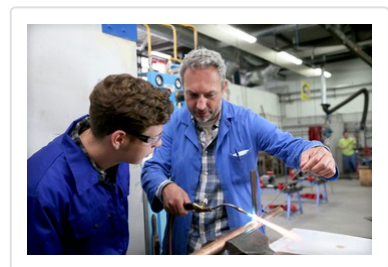
Define, refine, and/or communicate a district learner profile.

## Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Create models of curriculum, instruction, and/or assessment aligned to a learner profile.

## Student-Centered Learning

Engage students in learning activities centered around problems, projects, and/or performances (PBL, PBT, PBA).



## Blended / Deeper Learning

Apply blended/remote learning strategies that foster engagement and deeper learning.

## Scale Innovation

Expand ‘pockets of innovation’ to scale practice across district.

## Community Connections

Connect with the community and prepare students for the workforce.



## Looking for a Different Bird?

An EdCamp-style space will be available for those of you seeking to network with others around a different topic. Simply join the EdCamp session prepared to find a partner.

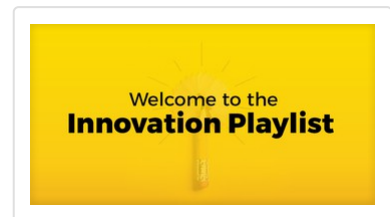
## Feature Your Innovations

Does your division have video content of discussions with your community members about the qualities you want to see in your graduates? Would you like that content featured nationally? Please contact [Becky Ellis](#) for details. And please stay tuned...Ted has a new venture brewing!



## Free for a Limited Time: Most Likely to Succeed

Ted is making *Most Likely to Succeed* available for streaming for free during the all of this craziness. The free link is available on the [Innovation Playlist](#) and also on [Vimeo](#). If any divisions are interested in planning and implementing an online Community Night discussion using *Most Likely to Succeed* and/or *What Schools Could Be*, reach out to [Becky Ellis](#) for support.



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