GLOBAL BEST PRACTICES TOOLKIT

School Self-Assessment

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New England Secondary School Consortium

• State departments of education have joined with the Great Schools Partnership in a focused attempt to redesign secondary schools in New England.
• Funding from private sources, such as the Gates Foundation and Nellie Mae support the work of the Consortium.
NESSC Goals for New England

• Increase four-year graduation rate to 90%
• Decrease drop-out rate to less than 1% annually
• Increase percentage of students enrolling in two and four-year degree programs to 80%
• Reduce percentage of students needing collegiate remediation to 5%
• Dialogue with postsecondary level to increase collegiate persistence rates toward graduation

Key NESSC Strategies

• Identify and promote the cross-dissemination of state policies which promote secondary school innovation.
• Develop and implement an assessment tool for use by secondary educators.
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• Identify New England secondary schools with innovative programming.
• Build cross-state systems focused on secondary reform

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• Benchmarked to practices of highly effective schools within US and international communities
• Designed to facilitate a self-assessment of school communities along three general strands:
  ➢ Teaching and Learning
  ➢ Organizational Design
  ➢ School Leadership
Application of Toolkit

- Read pages 2 and 3
- Form a group of about 4 individuals
- Turn to pages 14 and 15 (Assessment)
• Score your school(s) following the steps as indicated. Record the types of strategies and evidence you used in scoring.
• On the small paper, write only the score for your school.

1.5 Assessment Practices
Performance Descriptions

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