



# BETTER TOGETHER: COLLABORATING FOR RESILIENT SCHOOL SYSTEMS

## WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY?

This facilitated learning cohort helps district leadership teams **strengthen cross-role collaboration** and immediately apply those skills to a **district-selected problem of practice**. Teams leave with a **clearer way of working together, an action plan, and early implementation progress**, not just ideas.



## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each session includes expert coaching to connect online learning to live collaboration practice and a usable team artifact.

Session 0	Launch and Course Readiness
Session 1	Building Trust That Holds Under Pressure
Session 2	Shared Goals and Real Commitments
Session 3	Courageous Conversations and Clear Decisions
Session 4	Turning Collaboration Into Results
Session 5	Momentum and Longevity

## WHAT IS THE INVESTMENT?

**District Fee:** \$2,125 per district (NEA sponsorship may apply for eligible participants)

## WHAT WILL OUR TEAM WALK AWAY WITH?



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## What is Better Together: Collaborating for Resilient School Systems?

A short-cycle learning experience where your cross-role team strengthens how you work together while making measurable progress on one district challenge (your Action Project).

### Who should be on the team?

Strong teams are able to see the system from multiple angles and make decisions together. Aim for a cross-role group (up to 10 members) that includes:

- District and school leaders who can connect the work to district direction and influence systems and adult practice
- Association/union leadership to ensure alignment and shared ownership
- A principal or school leader who can lead and support implementation at the building level
- Teacher leaders and/or key specialists who carry the learning into day-to-day practice
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### What will we do between live sessions?

- Each cycle is designed to be lightweight and realistic:
  - **Individual learning:** short online module segments (typically 30–60 minutes)
  - **Apply & Share:** brief, individualized coaching support focused on application, reflection, and next steps (typically 10-15 minutes)

### What happens in the live sessions?

- Live sessions are where the work becomes usable. Your team will:
  - apply the learning to your context
  - make decisions together
  - build or refine a concrete artifact you'll actually use
  - leave with owners, next steps, and "what we're bringing next time."
  - learn from and support other cohort teams

### What will we produce?

- A focused Action Project One-Pager with a measurable shared goal.
- Guiding principles and behaviors that define how the team works together.
- Simple progress monitoring routines and a 30-60-90 day plan.
- An implementation pack to carry the work forward after the cohort.