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## Carnegie Spotlight

Summit R&D Team
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### The Next 25 Minutes

1. Enabling Conditions for Continuous Improvement

1. 24 Months of CI at Summit Public Schools (2016 & 2017)

1. Rapid Fire Themes
Anything to Add?



### **Enabling Conditions**

#### **Organizational Culture**

- Rapid prototyping & broad engagement [Perfectionism]
- Status-Target-Proposal [Proposal! Advocacy]
- Creators [Critics]
- Openness & transparency [Private practice & fear]

#### **Access to Expertise**

- Improvement Science
- Learning Science
- Data Science

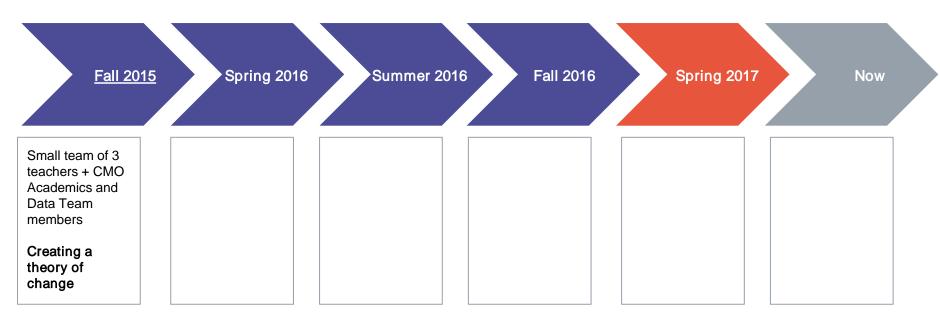
#### Leadership Buy-In

Accountability & Project Management

Actionable, Important, Available Data



### Timeline of Improvement



- **EL** Improvement
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### Context: Theory of '15

### Core Implementation & Innovation Team

Use driver diagrams and PDSA cycles to develop and measure innovations.

#### **Data Science Team**

Ask and answer questions given large data sets about student and educator learning.

Continual Improvement

#### **All Summit Faculty**

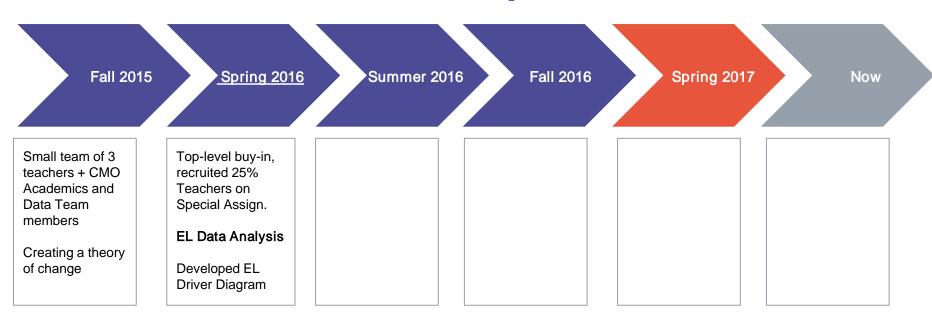
Have access to tools that support continual improvement and innovative practices that scale.

#### Continual Improvement Leadership Team

Finds ways to encourage continual improvement, align work, and invest in promising ideas.



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# Incompletes are a Product of our System

Summit School sites

Individual

Number of Incomplete Courses per Student  $(5 \rightarrow 0)$ 

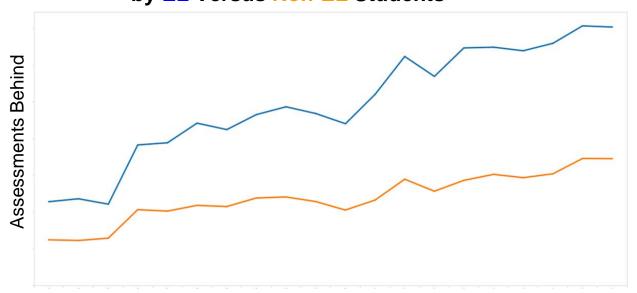


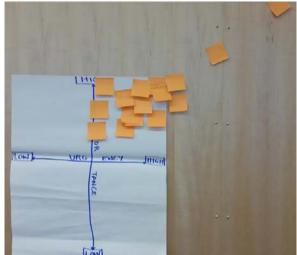


# Leading indicators show some students feel the problem disproportionately

How urgent and important is this problem?

Growing Gap in Number of Assessments Behind by EL Versus Non-EL Students

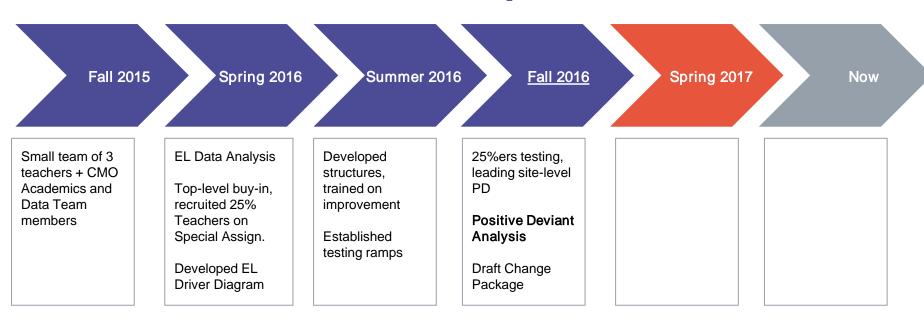






September 2014 → June 2015

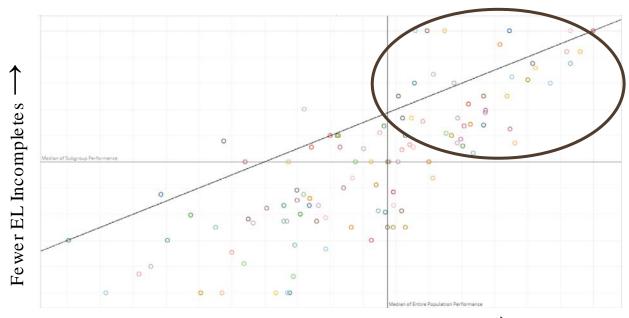
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# "Positive Deviants" are a great source of learning

### Teachers successful with all students + EL students





Fewer Whole Population Incompletes —

# Theory and Change Package

#### **Primary Drivers**

Students have **mentors** that help support their literacy and numeracy needs.

Teachers explicitly use instructional practices to support language development and other foundational skills

Teachers and mentors develop meaningful relationships and build habits (mindset, belonging) with their students

Students have accessible and rigorous curriculum that builds language and skills

Students receive **interventions** that are targeted to their level and shift their trajectory

Learning about Language Levels

Setting Goals with Diverse Learners

1-1 Check-ins to Sustain Engagement

**Direct Vocabulary Instruction** 

**Academic Conversation Structures** 

Reflecting on Purpose of Learning

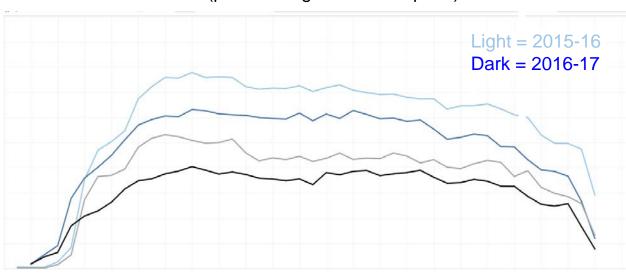
Wise Framing of Feedback



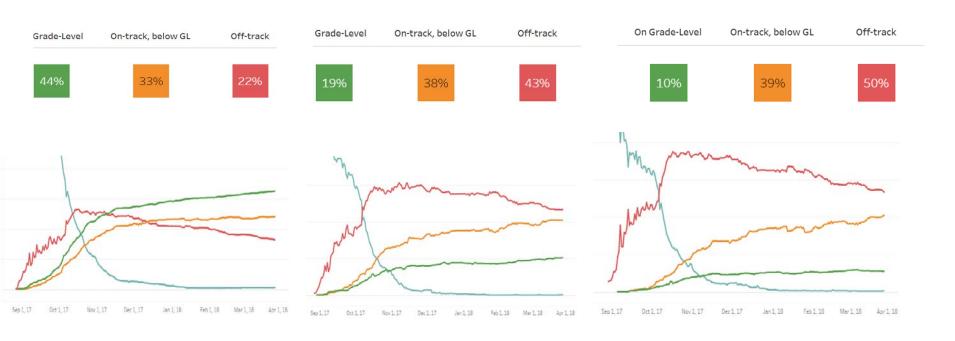
# Promise of Improvement @Summit

ELs vs All Students (percent of grades incomplete)

School Year	All Ss Max I's	EL Max l's
2015-16	53%	79%
2016-17	40%	62%
2017-18	33%	55%



### Adjusting our Focus

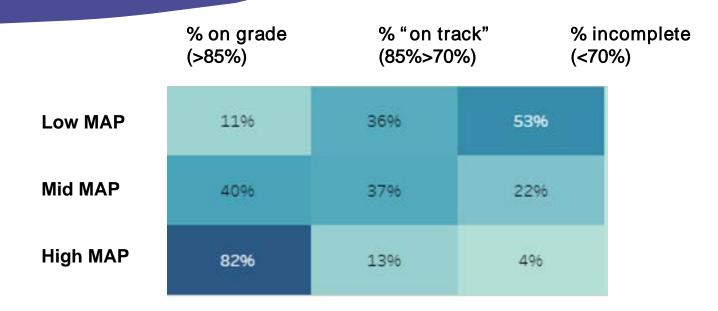


All Students

Low MAP Reading

English Learners

# Ongoing System Learning Adjusts Our Focus





### Timeline of Improvement



Small team of 3 teachers + CMO Academics and Data Team members EL Data Analysis

Top-level buy-in, recruited 25% Teachers on Special Assign.

Developed EL Driver Diagram Developed structures, trained on improvement

Established testing ramps

25%ers testing, leading site-level PD

Positive Deviant Analysis

Draft Change Package Spread Change Package through org-wide PD

Demographic Analysis for Literacy

Revise Theory

Systemize EL in platform and curriculum. Hired EL coordinator

Recruit teachers across network around literacy / numeracy

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# Rapid Fire Themes

#### Who Owns It?

We want everyone to own our students' performance.

But someone has to *own* the work of continuous improvement.

This person is a project manager, a change manager, a coach, an advocate, and an in-house data and improvement resource.





# Part of the Job, Not on Top of the Job





### **Advancing Innovation**

most improvement efforts

innovation



edge of collective knowledge



### **Curb-Cut Effect**





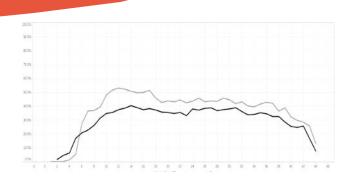
#### Momentum

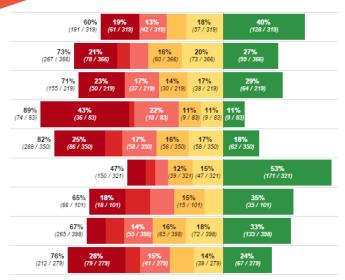
Change management: from the CEO down. Data and urgency.

The problem (and aim) will determine your momentum.

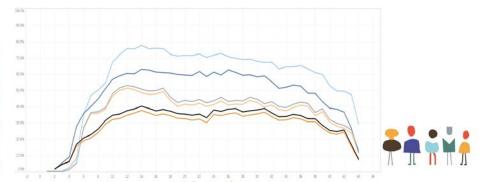


### Data, Data, Data





	% on grade (>85%)	% "on track"	% incomplete (85%>70%)	no score (<70%)
Low MAP	6%	21%	60%	13%
Mid MAP	23%	30%	33%	14%
High MAP	54%	17%	1196	1896



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# Q&A