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The Colorado Education Initiative Announces One-of-a-Kind School Retool Leadership Academy
Middle and High School Principals Invited to Exclusive Professional Learning Opportunity

DENVER, Colo. — More than ever before, middle and high school leaders are helping teachers deliver on Colorado's vision for [Next Generation Learning](#) — an approach that lets students connect with the larger world; learn about careers; work on solving social problems; and develop skills they need to be happy, healthy, and productive adults.

But, school leaders often have few opportunities to get the high-quality professional learning and customized, real-time support *they* need.

The Colorado Education [Initiative](#) (CEI) is proud to partner with Stanford University's [d.school](#) to bring an exclusive leadership academy to Colorado for secondary principals and assistant principals starting in January 2016. Colorado is one of the first 10 states to offer School [Retool](#) — through CEI's Next Generation Learning [initiative](#).

The effort was announced during this week's White House [summit](#) on Next Generation Learning high schools with students, educators, philanthropists, and entrepreneurs who are reinventing the high school experience.

"Colorado educators deserve support to help prepare students to thrive in today's economy," said CEI President and CEO Glenna Norvelle. "Our partnership with School Retool helps school leaders rethink what a school can look like, and how it can best encourage students to build knowledge and skills necessary to academic and life success, including critical thinking, effective communication, and collaboration."

The proven one-of-a-kind leadership academy is grounded in the principles of [Deeper Learning](#) and designed by Stanford's d.school and IDEO. It leverages design thinking and hack mindsets to ignite innovation in education.

The three-month, real-time professional learning opportunity includes five days of professional development, practical school-based problem solving with peers, the use of design thinking to spur innovation, and support to personalize professional learning for teachers. In this unique cohort-based program, 20 school leaders will connect with their peers to develop change management and leadership skills and get support from local and national experts in school design.

Scholarships and travel reimbursements are available. Applications are due **Monday, January 11, 2016** and are reviewed on a rolling basis, so apply soon. Get more information about CEI's School [Retool](#) or



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[email](#) CEI's Next Generation Learning team.

About The Colorado Education Initiative

The Colorado Education Initiative is an independent nonprofit working in partnership with the Colorado Department of Education, educators, schools, districts, and other public education stakeholders to unlock the unique potential of every student by incubating innovation, shining a spotlight on success, and investing in sustainable change that improves outcomes for all students. CEI envisions that every student in Colorado is prepared and unafraid to succeed in school, work, and life, and ready to take on the challenges of today, tomorrow, and beyond.

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