**Local Innovation in School Accountability**

Letter of Interest (LOI)

# Overview

Over the last few years, there’s been a great deal of interest from schools and districts in exploring a variety of accountability indicators, measures, processes, and tools that focus on continuous improvement.  In fact, education professionals across a wide range of schools and districts are hard at work developing measures and systems closely attuned to their students and communities.  Additionally, policy makers in Colorado and nationally have introduced legislation that encourages and supports state and local innovations.

In response to these trends, the Colorado Education Initiative (CEI) and Momentum Strategy & Research (Momentum) are working together to learn about and document the various accountability-related projects and ideas at work across Colorado’s public education community to: 1) assess overall interest in accountability innovation; and 2) assess readiness among schools and districts to participate in accountability pilot efforts.   This exploration phase will culminate in a one-day event on November 28, 2018 for audiences ranging from educators to researchers to policy-makers, presenting and learning about the novel ideas and projects underway across the state, and serving as a symposium on how to further support accountability system innovation.

By completing this LOI, you will help us collect information on locally-driven, innovative ideas, and better understand the support needed for schools and districts to move forward. It will also ensure you receive more information about the November 28 convening.

Please email this completed LOI by **Friday, September 28, 2018** to Heather Chikoore at [hchikoore@coloradoedinitiative.org](mailto:hchikoore@coloradoedinitiative.org). Heather can be reached at (303) 736-6477 if you have questions.

For more information visit [www.coloradoedinitiative.org/local-innovation-in-school-accountability/](http://www.coloradoedinitiative.org/local-innovation-in-school-accountability/).

# CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Person Expressing Interest:

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School/District:

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Contact Information (email and phone):

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Are you submitting this LOI as an individual school or district, or on behalf of a group of schools or districts? If submitting as a group, please list other schools and districts here, or if not organized yet as a group, please describe who you would anticipate a group including.

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# interest in local innovation

Which statement best describes your interest in the Local Innovation in School Accountability project?

(a) I am interested in learning more about what other Colorado schools and districts are doing but I don’t have much to share, yet.

(b) I have an idea for a possible pilot in my community that I’d like to talk to someone about.

(c) I (my school/district) have taken action to identify or use new indicators, measures, processes, or tools for school improvement.

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***Please limit your responses to the following questions to two paragraphs.***

If (a): Why are you interested in the idea of accountability pilots?

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If (b): Please share a general overview of what your idea for a pilot would entail.

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If (c): Please describe the action(s) your district or school has taken to identify new indicators, measures, processes, or tools that drive school improvement.

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What kind of support would your district or school need to deepen or accelerate work in local innovation accountability?

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