



School Learning Laboratory

What is the SuperEd School Learning Laboratory?

The *School Learning Laboratory (SLL)* is a research and development project to develop a collaborative model for providing external services to schools. *SLL* is producing a toolkit of products and processes to: a) help schools select, use, and assess external services; b) produce school staffs who know how to effect successful school change projects; and c) result in school innovations that directly impact students, teachers and schools.

Who's involved?

SuperEd is a network of statewide non-profit organizations that serve Maine schools. SuperEd has been awarded a three-year research and development grant from the Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust to support *SLL*. The *SLL* staff includes a Project Director and two Facilitators. *SLL* works in collaboration with the Western Maine Partnership (WMP) and eight sites participated in the project:

- Kingfield Elementary School (SAD#58).
- Andover, Crescent Park, and Woodstock Elementary Schools (SAD#44).
- Mt. Vernon Elementary School (Union #42).
- Livermore Falls Middle School (SAD #36).
- Governor James B. Longley Elementary School (Lewiston).
- Waterford Elementary School (SAD #17)
- West Paris Elementary School (SAD #17)
- Lincoln Elementary School (Augusta)

How does it work?

SLL involves WMP schools and SuperEd members. Participating schools receive customized facilitation and guidance from *SLL* facilitators, and school staff members acquire skills, processes and strategies to support purposeful change. SuperEd members participate in *SLL* processes and provide services to schools as negotiated. *SLL* is creating a model that can be replicated and sustained beyond the life of this grant.

When does it happen?

The *SLL* is taking place between 2003-2006. During the first phase, *SLL* staff is designing, piloting, and documenting the model with 2 schools. During the second phase staff continues the development, reviews and refines the model and uses it with up to 3 additional schools. In the final phase, the model will be replicated with 3 new schools and disseminated. Throughout the project, efforts are made to identify sustainable elements and sources of additional support.

Where do I find out more?

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