

## How Are States & Districts Investing Forward?

Many districts and states are leveraging stimulus funds to advance pathways to postsecondary education and career success. The following examples highlight how states and districts are investing forward.



### Support on-track credit attainment in 9th grade

Fort Worth ISD (TX) is investing \$5.8 million in Freshmen Success Teams at all schools that will create a structure to support students staying on track and provide individualized support.



### Embed college and career advising in the school day

Huntsville City Schools (AL) is ensuring secondary teachers provide students College and Career Readiness Indicator advisement weekly and increasing advising support for college-bound students that includes intensive coaching through the application and financial aid process, a College Crash Course, college visits, and financial aid sessions for parents.



### Expand participation in high-quality career pathway programs aligned with in-demand labor market opportunities that pay a family-sustaining wage

Indiana is creating a Regional Pathways Innovation Fund that will offer competitive grants to encourage K-12 leaders to partner with local community organizations and employers to design and execute career pathway programs.



### Scale pathway-aligned work-based learning opportunities

Chicago Public Schools (IL) is creating a new Work-Based Learning Center and partnering with the City Colleges of Chicago to provide work-based learning opportunities.



### Invest in near-peer advising supports to expand students' social capital

Arizona is investing \$600,000 in a partnership with AdviseAZ AmeriCorps which places current college students and recent college graduates as part-time advisors in high schools across the state.



## **Expand equitable access to and success in advanced courses**

Milwaukee Public Schools (WI) will offer camps to prepare students for AP and college-level courses, expand dual enrollment, fund transportation for on-campus dual enrollment courses, and help pay for books, materials, and teacher certification for advanced courses.



## **Increase high-quality industry-recognized credential attainment**

Council Bluffs Community School District (IA) is investing nearly \$1 million to enhance the Plus One Pathways program which includes opportunities to participate in pre-apprenticeship programs and earn college credit and professional certificates.



## **Increase FAFSA completion and college applications**

Arizona is investing \$1.5 million in Ask Benji, an artificial-intelligence chatbot that assists students in completing the FAFSA.



## **Build bridges through summer to postsecondary education and training**

Buffalo Public Schools (NY) partnered with local colleges to create a transition course, the first half of which will be offered in high school while the second half will be offered at the higher education institution.



## **Track and analyze postsecondary outcomes data to target support**

Oregon is partnering with the State Longitudinal Data System to work toward providing LEAs information on postsecondary success metrics such as employment and college enrollment, persistence, and completion.