



# LORAIN CITY SCHOOLS

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## **Lorain City Schools accepted into national cohort of school systems poised for dramatic academic improvement**

*Lorain City Schools will join ANet's Breakthrough Results Fund, receiving \$1M in matching funds for four year partnership to improve instruction*

Lorain, Ohio (June 14, 2018) –Lorain City Schools announces that it has been selected from among 150 school systems for participation in a national initiative to ensure that every student in the district has consistent access to high quality instruction. The initiative, called the Breakthrough Results Fund, is led by Achievement Network (ANet), a national education nonprofit whose community-based teams have supported 1,500 schools to improve student learning outcomes across the country.

Through the Breakthrough Results Fund, 10 Lorain City Schools will receive ANet's full partnership support for four years—including a dedicated coach, instructional tools, and professional learning. School partnerships will be paired with Lorain City Schools-level coaching and support to enable and reinforce the school-level work. Participating Lorain City Schools will also share the stories of their instructional improvement over time.

Research has shown this work is most effective when schools prioritize it consistently over several years. The Breakthrough Results Fund is a four-year partnership to allow for such consistency over time. The Lorain City Schools will also receive 1-to-1 matching funds of up to \$1 million over four years to fuel this work. Lorain City Schools was one of up to 6 school systems that will be selected for the Breakthrough Results Fund cohort.

"School leaders and teachers are asked to do so much every day. ANet's partnership is designed not to ask them to do more but to help them make the most effective use of their very precious time," said Mora Segal, ANet's CEO. "We are honored to be working alongside these systems over the next four years to build on schools' strengths and achieve excellence for all students."

ANet is a national education nonprofit that, for over thirteen years, has worked to ensure schools provide equitable opportunities for all children by supporting teaching and learning grounded in standards, data, and the practices of great educators. ANet works alongside leadership teams in 800 schools and 100 school systems yearly to strengthen their school- and system-wide practice and culture of using learning standards and data to get breakthrough results for students.

"The Lorain Promise is an ambitious, yet feasible approach to district transformation. One that needs the support of national leaders who understand the urgency and purpose we need for kids. ANet not only brings all of this, but they have instructional resources our schools, teachers, and scholars deserve. The excitement is real and the change we need is now possible," said David Hardy Jr., Lorain City Schools CEO.



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## About Lorain City Schools

“The International City” is the home of the Lorain City Titans. We are a district that will disrupt the status quo for 6,700 scholars across 15 campuses in Northeast Ohio, just outside of Cleveland. To do so, we will transform the way that we look at educating our scholars, performing as leaders, and inspiring as people, all while having fun doing it. Lorain City Schools is one of two districts in the state of Ohio who have been granted the authority to redream what is possible for our young people with the passing of House Bill 70. This house bill empowers the CEO to improve district practices and operate with a level of urgency and purpose that is unique to traditional public school systems across the country. The district’s academic improvement plan, The Lorain Promise, outlines the ambitious yet obtainable outlook for Lorain City Schools with bold statements about how we will operate as a district and a community. This innovative new direction for Titans, will not only change the way we look at public school education, but seeks to set the new standard for what is possible when we put our scholars first. To learn more about Lorain City Schools, please visit [www.loraincityschools.org](http://www.loraincityschools.org)

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