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Restart a Struggling School as a Partner-Managed Campus

What Is a Partner-Managed Restart and How Does It Work?



A district transforms a school by authorizing a charter partner to manage a school restart. Through a rigorous selection process the district chooses a proven partner to implement a new Effective Schools Framework-aligned model, including high quality instructional materials. The partner selects new leadership and staff, overhauling the school's academic program and culture.

Why Restart a School with a Partner?

- Provide a high-quality option through a partner with a track record of success
- Deliver a more diverse set of schools and programs to meet community demand
- Maintain a neighborhood school while quickly creating a high-quality option for families

What are the Benefits of a Partner-Managed Restart?



Create a new option to offer students and families different high-performing schools.



Leverage outside expertise to deliver the schools families are demanding.



Access additional resources and funding to support partner-managed restarts.



Select a partner with an **evidence-based track record of success** in transforming schools and improving outcomes.



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How to Plan and Implement this Action Type

1) Identify the Need

- ❑ Engage with families and students to understand their needs
- ❑ Research potential partner organizations who can meet these needs
- ❑ **Ensure district authorizing policy meets standards for 1882 partnership benefits**
- ❑ Create a communications and engagement plan

2) Choose a Partner

- ❑ **Release a Call for Quality Schools (CQS)**
- ❑ Evaluate applications against transparent standards
- ❑ Select and authorize a qualified partner that best meet the needs of your community
- ❑ Ensure partner has a **track record of success**

3) Create a Plan

- ❑ Create an operating agreement to hold partner accountable and ensure their model is ESF-aligned with high-quality instructional materials
- ❑ Conduct financial analysis and develop a campus budget
- ❑ **Gain board approval for the partnership**

4) Launch School

- ❑ **Partner organization hires school leader and the school leader hires staff**
- ❑ School leader and staff begin recruitment and support of existing student body
- ❑ If applicable, apply for School Action Fund Continuation Funding

School Actions in Practice: Beaumont ISD

With three schools in IR status for 4 years, Beaumont School District pursued a charter partnership with Phalen Leadership Academy. The schools opened under a new partnership agreement in August 2019 and are expected to receive a C or better rating by 2021.

