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WMU High Impact Leadership (HIL) Project applauds Launch Michigan’s effort to strengthen education

Kalamazoo, MI – On June 20, 2018, a new initiative and partnership called [Launch Michigan](#) kicked off a collaborative effort to strengthen advocacy for improved student learning outcomes for all of Michigan’s students. Launch Michigan comprises more than 30 organizations that include representatives from labor, philanthropy, and state and community leaders who will focus on shared solutions to Michigan’s educational challenges. [The group](#) outlined their plans at a [press conference](#) in Lansing.

Leaders from the [High Impact Leadership \(HIL\) Project](#) applaud this effort and stand ready to support and assist in the collaborative effort to turn Michigan into a leader in educational excellence. We recognize, especially, Launch Michigan’s stated intention to work together to implement lasting, research-driven strategies that transcend politics and election cycles.

“We celebrate the commitment by so many significant organizations to promote Launch Michigan’s collaborative agenda,” said HIL Project co-director Dr. Patricia Reeves of Western Michigan University (WMU). “We agree that education is not a partisan issue and that everyone has a role to play in improving our public education system.”

The HIL Project—a federally grant-funded project partnered by WMU, the [Reading Now Network \(RNN\)](#), and the [General Education Leadership Network \(GELN\)](#)—shares several significant areas of agreement and focus with the Launch Michigan:

1. “Supporting educators by leveraging existing research”
The HIL Project supports local principal-teacher teams in implementing a set of strategies driven by existing research around effective practices in early literacy and school leadership.
2. “Supporting shared, statewide, research-driven strategies ...and sticking to those strategies beyond politics and election cycles....”
The HIL Project builds upon the strategies that have emerged from two statewide research projects: the RNN and the GELN
3. “Supporting a fair and comprehensive accountability system that includes everyone who influences education—not just teachers.”
The HIL Project works with an entire school leadership team to ensure that *the entire system* works together to support classroom teachers.

For more information about the High Impact Leadership project model, visit www.hilwmu.org.

For a full list of Launch Michigan partner organizations, visit www.launchmichigan.org.

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The High Impact Leadership for School Renewal (HIL) Project is a leadership development program for practicing principals working with a team of teacher leaders to implement the GELN Literacy Essentials in high poverty Reading Now Network (RNN) elementary schools.

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