

Curriculum Matters: Learning & Advocacy Series August 2021-July 2022

## **About the Series**

In partnership with <u>The Education Trust-West</u>, <u>Partnership for Los Angeles Schools</u>, and <u>Californians Together</u>, <u>Pivot Learning</u> presents a no-cost workshop series for California policy and advocacy organizations seeking to learn more about, and advocate for high-quality curriculum and materials\* as a lever for educational equity.

We define high-quality instructional materials (HQIM) as state <u>standards-aligned</u>, <u>user-friendly</u>, <u>culturally relevant</u>, and <u>supporting of English Learners</u> in accessing the grade level content. HQIM are a key component of educational success for all students, yet we know that students of color and low-income students do not have equitable access to these materials. The 2018 TNTP report "<u>The Opportunity Myth</u>" showed that 38% of classrooms composed of mostly students of color had no grade level assignments. <u>Research from The Education Trust-West</u> saw that 70% of assignments in high-poverty schools are not on grade-level. COVID-19-related school closures have disrupted student learning and only exacerbated these inequities. As we <u>recover from these disruptions</u>, high-quality curriculum will be crucial for accelerating student learning.

Through this workshop series, we will explore HQIM and professional development for educators, with an emphasis on mathematics (given the schedule and focus of the California materials adoption process). With the expertise of our partners, we will dive into the relationship between high-quality curriculum, excellent instruction for English Learners and culturally relevant teaching. The series will culminate in a call to action led by The Education Trust-West and Californians Together, advocating for the highest quality curricula across California and in your community.

## Benefits to Learning & Advocacy Series Participants

- No-cost training series with national experts on best practices in HQIM and instruction.
- Community-building and engagement with like-minded organizations pursuing educational equity.
- Joining a network in a call to action for advocacy to make an impact across California and in your community.

## Commitments from Learning & Advocacy Series Participants

- Attend all five virtual workshop sessions:
  - o August 5, 2021, 1-3pm PT
  - November 9, 2021, 1-3pm PT
  - o February 10, 2022, 1-3pm PT
  - May 12, 2022, 1-3pm PT
  - o July 21, 2022, 1-3pm PT
- Participate in short surveys and/or focus groups focusing on the objectives of the learning arc.

Register Now!

## **About Our Organization**

<u>Pivot Learning</u> partners with educators to design and implement solutions to their greatest challenges in achieving educational justice. Along with our subsidiary, the <u>Consortium on Reaching Excellence in Education</u> (CORE), we collaborate with districts to improve teaching and learning through the adoption of high-quality instructional materials and the comprehensive implementation of these materials.

\*For this series, we will use the terms "high-quality curriculum" and "high-quality instructional materials" (HQIM) interchangeably.