



School Redesign Network

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The School Redesign Network at Stanford University (SRN) is a learning collaborative that helps district leaders, support providers, small schools, and large schools that are redesigning to develop a deeper understanding of the features that effectively support excellence and equity in schools. Innovative educators' success transforming their comprehensive high schools to small, personalized learning communities and small schools have sparked a groundswell of support across the country about the potential of high school redesign.

Through the [Windows on Conversions Project](#), funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, SRN will highlight the conversion change process, key design features, and the positive consequences of conversion. Your high school as one of the forerunner schools in the high school conversion movement has been selected as one of four high schools across the country to be featured in this project. We have selected high schools that serve a diversity of populations, are located in different types of communities (urban, suburban, and rural) and have taken different approaches to converting their schools. The high schools in this project will be featured in a short documentary-style film and in written school profiles. Participation in this project enables your school, by its example of success and strategies to overcome challenges, to shape the path of the next generation of high school conversions. This product will be targeted to educators considering or beginning the conversion process.

We will make every effort to be as unobtrusive as possible as we do not want to disrupt instruction and school activities. We will spend 3 to 4 days on your school site in March or April with film makers from Actual Films, an award winning documentary film company. The film crew will conduct interviews with a few staff members, as well as film students in and out of the classroom. We may also request to film teacher meetings. We will ensure that the necessary consent forms from students are signed prior to coming on you campus. To complete the written school profiles, we may also need to interview a few staff members to complement the data we collected in our initial site visit. Before the school profiles are finalized you will be able to review them for factual accuracy.

We greatly appreciate your willingness to work with us on this project. We will do all we can to ensure that your school's participation in this project is a positive experience. If your staff is interested, we anticipate that your school's participation in this project may lead to it being selected as a study tour site in the future.