

Research tells us that to do this work well, we need to prioritize and focus our efforts – we can't run from one initiative to the next, from one *next best idea* to the next. Thus, we **are** focused. Through action and critical reflection ([praxis](#)), and with a commitment to [equity & excellence](#), we are bringing together the principles of [student-centered](#) teaching and learning, [universally designed - instructional planning and delivery](#), [community organizing](#), the [New York State Learning Standards](#), the [NYS Blueprint for Improved Results for Students with Disabilities](#), and Charlotte Danielson's [Framework for Teaching](#) in order to lead and support our school districts in their efforts to provide the best possible learning environment for all students.