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by Brandy Archer

The Michigan Department of Education is continuing to expand its focus on early literacy. Over the last two years, the state legislature has provided funding for a series of early literacy grants to Intermediate School Districts and local school districts. Recently, Governor Rick Snyder signed a law into place for improving early elementary reading skills and he assigned a PreK-12 Literacy Commission to provide policy recommendations and reports on the state's progress in becoming a national leader in literacy. At the Michigan Department of Education, literacy has been woven into the strategies and action plan for becoming a top 10 state in education in 10 years.

Through the Top 10 in 10 initiative, a set of goals and strategies were created with immense input from stakeholders. The strategies were adopted by the State Board of Education in December 2015. The strategies have been incorporated into an action plan that includes four focus areas: Learner-Centered Supports, Strategic Partnerships, Effective Education Workforce, and Systemic Infrastructure. Literacy strategies live in the Learner-Centered Supports focus area.

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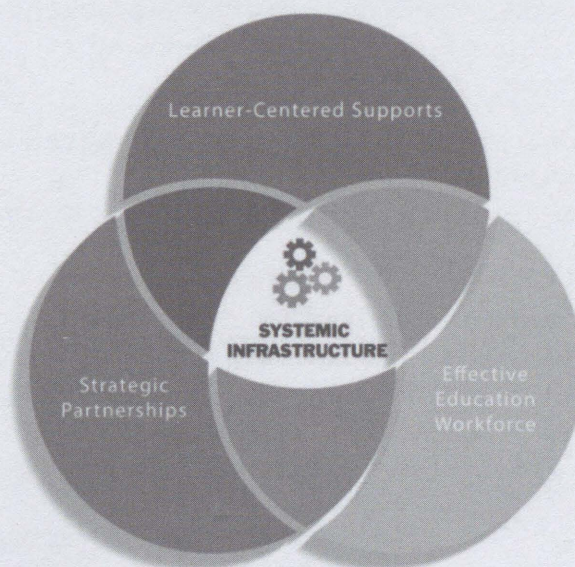


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