

PROVING
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Try a new approach to school improvement.

Proving Ground's continuous improvement approach helps partners design solutions that work for their students, families, and schools. The best part? The more you do it, the less you'll need our help.

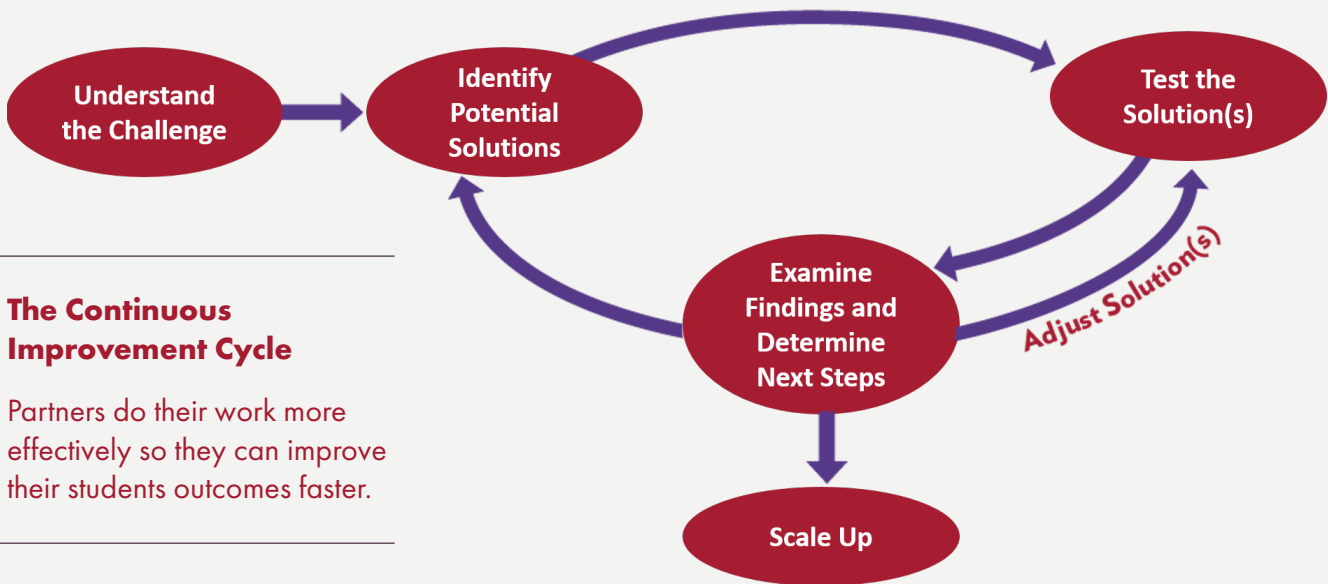
Change your routine to drive student outcomes.

Proving Ground's mission is to **make evidence-gathering and use an intuitive part of how education agencies conduct their daily work so that their decisions are driven by specific data, local context, and available resources.** We use a continuous improvement approach to help partners understand their challenges, rapidly identify and test solutions, and act on the findings.

- ▼ **Understand the challenge.** We begin our work with each partner by analyzing their historical data and conducting interviews with key staff. Through this process, we help uncover the root causes of pressing challenges.
- ▼ **Identify potential solutions.** We guide you through a step-by-step process to identify and prioritize potential solutions customized to your local context.
- ▼ **Test the solutions.** We help you plan to implement and pilot your solution and measure progress and outcomes through regular check-ins—every six to eight weeks during testing.
- ▼ **Examine findings and determine next steps.** Finally, we'll help you act on your findings. If the intervention is successful, you may decide to scale up. If the pilot underperforms, you might choose to make adjustments and continue testing, or to stop implementation and try a new solution entirely.

Invest in proven success.

You've got limited resources—make the most of your time and budget by **only pursuing solutions that you know will work for students and families**. The continuous improvement approach is powered by your specific data and tested in your schools and classrooms. At the end of the process, scale up successful solutions or abandon less promising ones.



The Continuous Improvement Cycle

Partners do their work more effectively so they can improve their students outcomes faster.

Experience software built especially for partners.

Proving Ground's partner portal guides districts step-by-step through the continuous improvement approach to build capacity and drive progress.

- ▼ **Visual progress monitoring** so partners can always see where they've come from and where they're going;
- ▼ **Intuitive action planning and integrated alerts**, enabling partners to customize reminders and keep pace with their network's milestones and upcoming events;
- ▼ **Networking tools**, making it easy to communicate with the Proving Ground team and network partners; and,
- ▼ **Artifact retention**, putting the full breadth of partners' work at their fingertips to make richer connections and uncover more insights.

Let's work together.

Want to learn more about Proving Ground's continuous improvement approach? We'd love to hear from you!

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