Innovating Instruction: Systemic Change in a Global Society

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● Professional Development
● Research
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CTSC Mission

The Center for Technology and School Change is committed to the creation of innovative learning environments for all students. Recognizing technology as a catalyst for transforming instruction, the Center engages in research and practice to reimagine approaches to equitable education in the digital age.
## TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM PRACTICES VERSUS DEEP LEARNING

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TEACHERS NEED A BRIDGE
INSTRUCTIONAL INNOVATION IS NEEDED
CTSC Professional Development Model: Innovating Instruction ©

**Design**
Engage teachers as designers of student-centered, authentic learning experiences

**Situ ate**
Create learning experiences for teachers that foster professional respect while adapting the learning for their particular school and situation

**Lead**
Support leaders in guiding and sustaining change initiatives, while positioning teachers as agents of change
THE BIG CHALLENGE IS TO DEVELOP BETTER SYSTEMIC APPROACHES FOR "INNOVATING INSTRUCTION"
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