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Superintendent of the Denver schools, Michael Bennet, described the process as a very powerful

The purpose of the Denver Plan is to succeed in graduating students who can read and write at

Feedback, provided by educators, parents and the community, meant some changes to key provisio

Bennet believes the resulting Plan is an enduring, common roadmap for reform within the Denver

Some key points of the Denver schools´ Plan are:

¯   Explicitly describes the strategies to close the achievement gap for students of color
¯   Calls for diversity training for faculty;
¯   Provides ˆdouble block˜ intervention for ninth graders, who are not learning on grade
¯   Creates eight Instruction Support Teams (ISTs) with facilitators within each of the sc
¯   Places a parent advocate with each Support Team.

Two major issues that concerned educators, parents and/or community were the double block (tak

In the original plan proposed by the Denver schools, intervention was to be applied to both ni

There are eight new Instructional Support Teams, each with four staff developers, who are teac

¯   Work with principals and teachers to support quality instruction;
¯   Combine curriculum, content awareness, and data assessment to plan program improvement
¯   Assist principals, assistant principals, and teachers in grade level planning meetings
¯   Be highly visible within the schools and classrooms.

Next for the Denver schools is to develop and finalize timelines for each step of the Plan, as

The Denver Plan focuses all efforts of the Denver schools on student instruction by providing

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