

# Greater Lowell Tech selected for school leadership network



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TYNGSBORO — Greater Lowell Technical High School has been selected to participate in PBLWorks' 2022 Massachusetts School Leader Network, according to Superintendent Jill Davis.

The two-year professional development program will start in March and offer intensive professional development support to help participants create ideal conditions for implementing high-quality and self-sustaining project-based learning at their schools.

By participating in the school leader network, Greater Lowell Technical High School will be able to expand opportunities for students to actively participate in their two-in-one educational model, further preparing them with the academic and technical skills, plus the critical thinking necessary to be successful in college, career, and/or the armed services.

Instructional design models, like those offered by PBLWorks, integrate opportunities for students to take ownership of their learning through projects that connect their academic and vocational content to challenges and opportunities seen locally and globally. Programs like these are designed to help students become more informed, active global citizens.

The school leader network also provides teachers and administrators to learn together so they can create a shared vision about what teaching and learning can look like, as well as what it should look like as conditions normalize in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

By participating in the leader network, students and staff will also strive to further their goals around the school's core values of respect, effort, accountability, commitment and honesty.

“Project-based learning is a powerful instructional approach and a way to make great things happen for our students and deepen their learning in their academic and technical programs,” Davis said.

Financial support for the School Leader Network is being provided by the One8 Foundation, which focuses on helping schools and teachers prepare students for success by focusing on STEM, 21st century skills and applied learning opportunities.

PBLWorks’ School Leader Networks are taking place in Massachusetts and California. They look to offer a blend of face-to-face and online workshops, personal online coaching for each school and deep collaboration with a peer network of fellow local project-based learning leaders. Leadership teams from across the state are selected to participate in each PBL School Leader Network.

“Greater Lowell Technical High School has shown an incredible passion for, and commitment to, project-based learning and we are looking forward to having their leadership team participate in our 2022 School Leader Network,” said Bob Lenz, CEO of PBLWorks.

For more information about the PBL School Leader Networks, visit [pblworks.org/pbl-school-leader-networks](https://pblworks.org/pbl-school-leader-networks).