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Multilingual Learning
Research Center



*Introducing the MRLC
School Network*

The MLRC is a research center based at the top-ranked School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

We **collaborate** with scholars and schools around the world with a focus on **equity** and **innovation** to improve outcomes for **multilingual learners**.



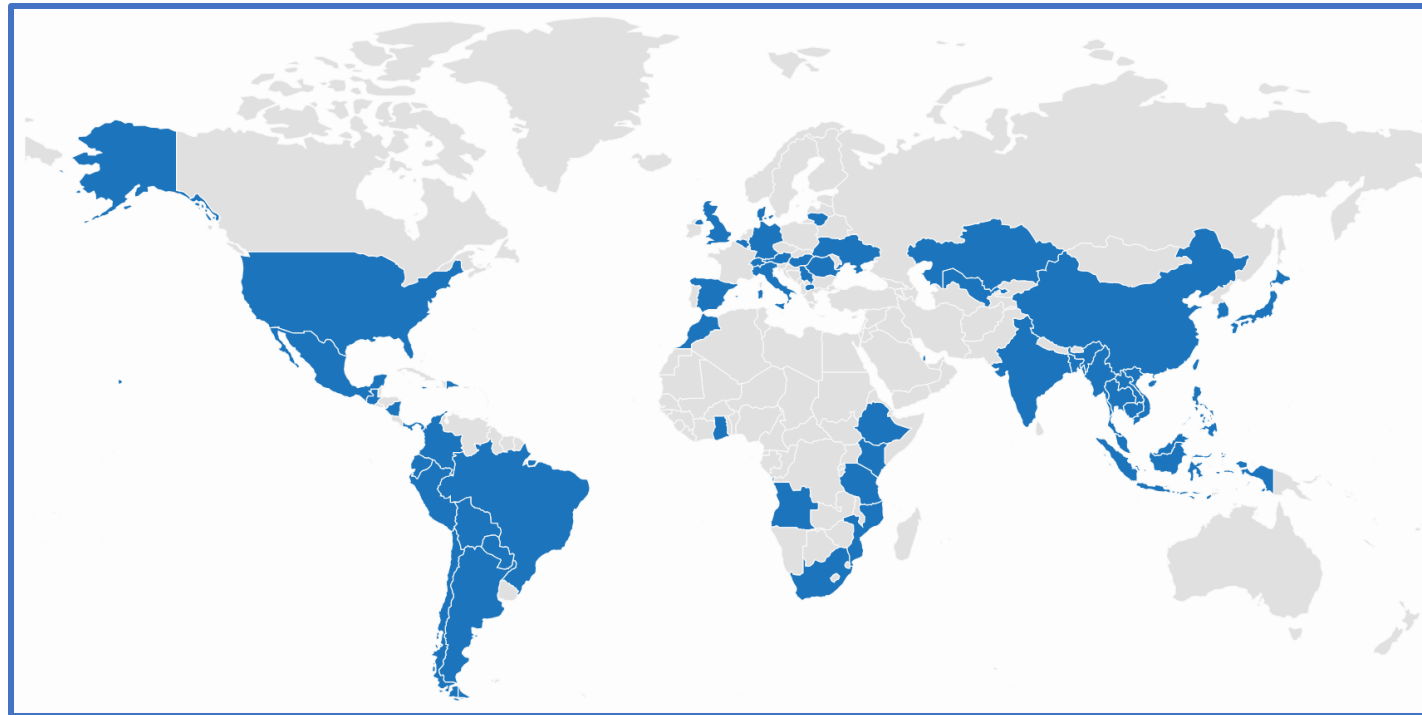
Collaborate.



Discover.

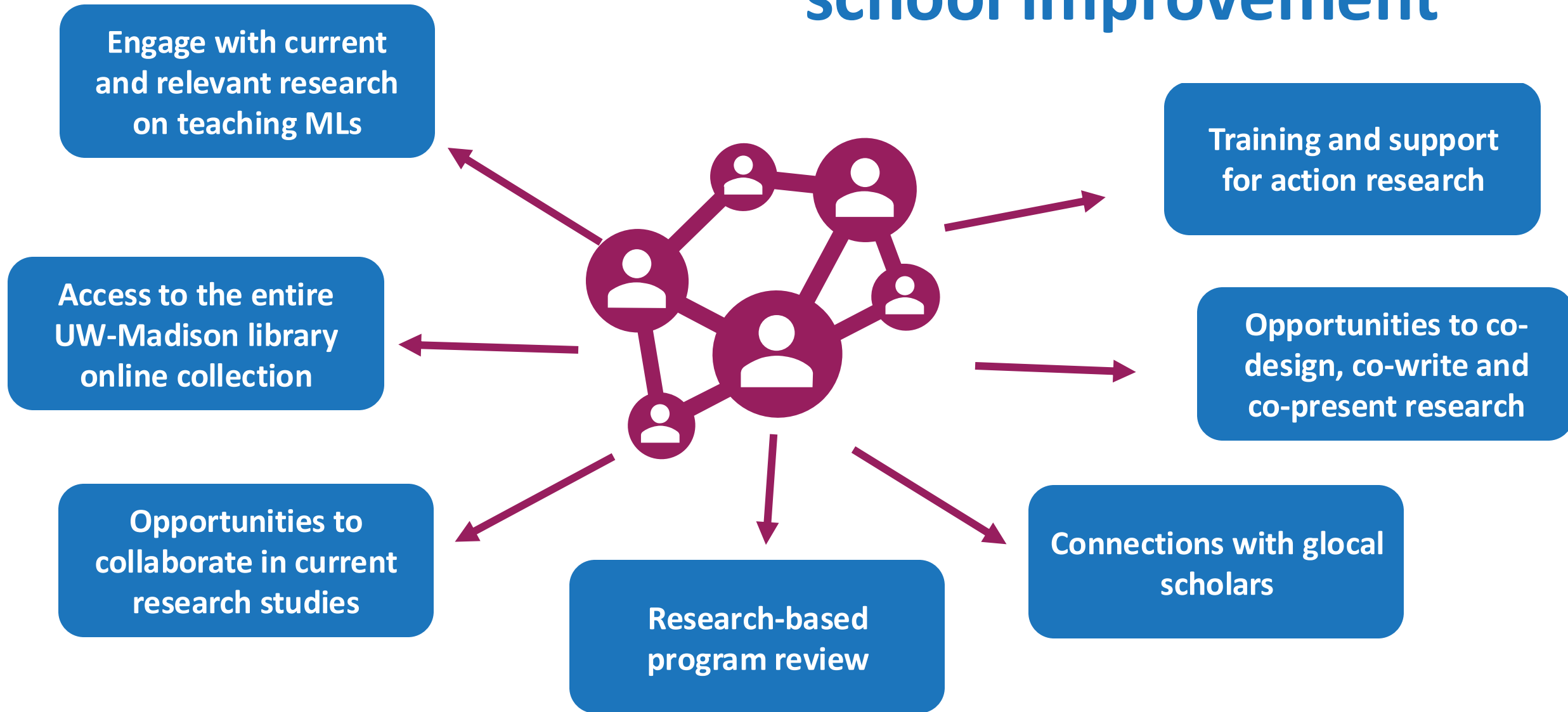
Transform.

The MLRC School Network



200+ schools in 60+ countries

Research activities to support school improvement



Key Research Focus Areas



**Teacher
Collaboration**

Beyond Co-
Teaching



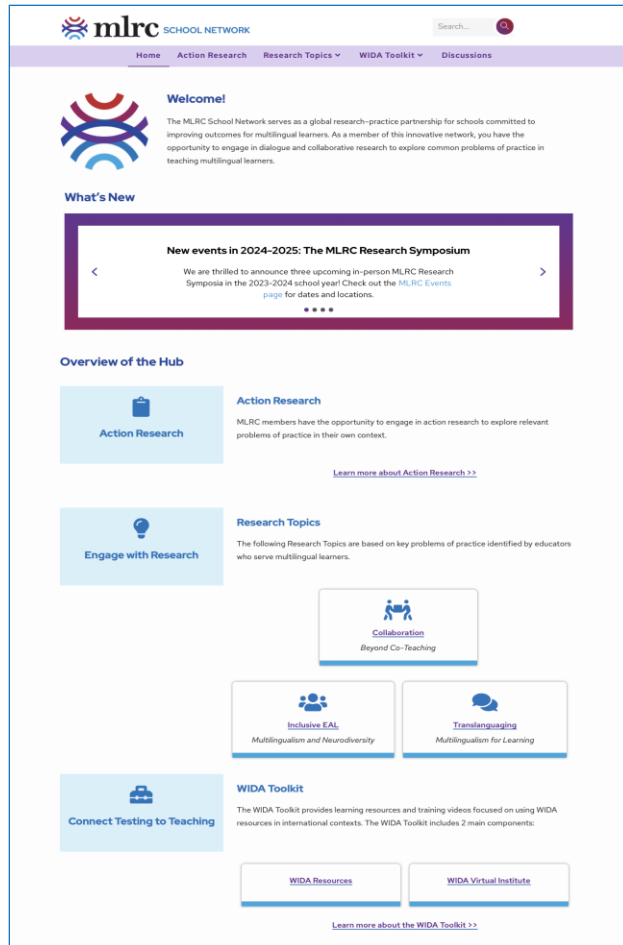
Translanguaging

Multilingualism
for Learning

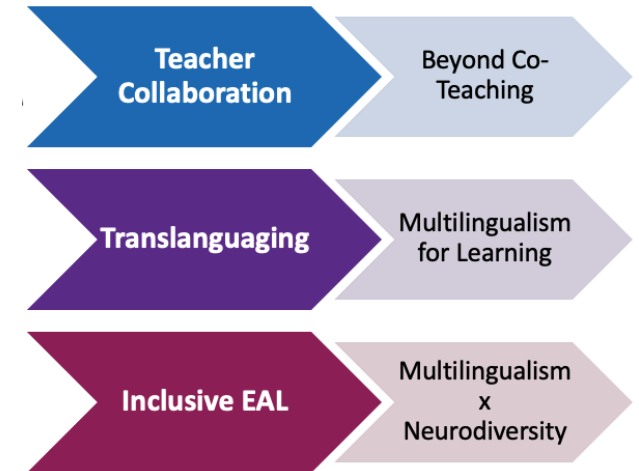


Inclusive EAL

Multilingualism
x
Neurodiversity

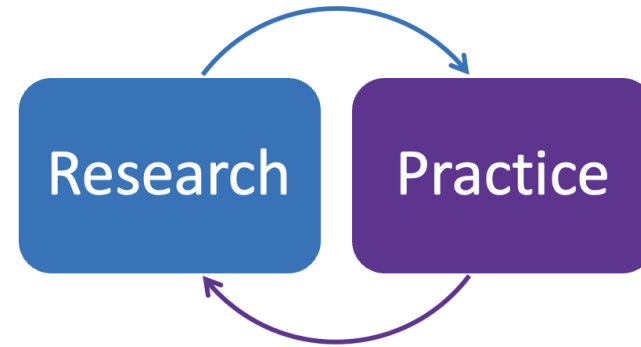


- ✓ Online resources for professional learning
- ✓ Every teacher at MLRC member schools can have a Hub account
- ✓ 3 Research Topics
- ✓ DIY workshops
- ✓ WIDA Toolkit
- ✓ Action Research tools





Action Research



A type of research conducted **by practitioners** within their **own context**, focused on **local innovation** or a specific **problem of practice** and resulting in an **action plan**.

MLRC Support for Action Research

Research Symposium

Learn about research on
teaching multilingual
learners

Learn about the process
of doing research

2 Days In Person

+

Hub & Monthly Meetups

Coaching and
support for school-
based action
research projects

4 months Online

2025-2026 MLRC Research Symposia



Panama City, Panama
November 15-16, 2025



Beijing, China
December 6-7, 2025



Malaga, Spain
January 17-18, 2026



Manila, Philippines
January 24-25, 2026

Collaborate. Connect with other schools & global scholars

Discover. Engage with the latest research

Transform. Create an action research plan

Impact: School Improvement

*Research activities support
teams to...*

Learn about **ML program features**
and **patterns of effectiveness**

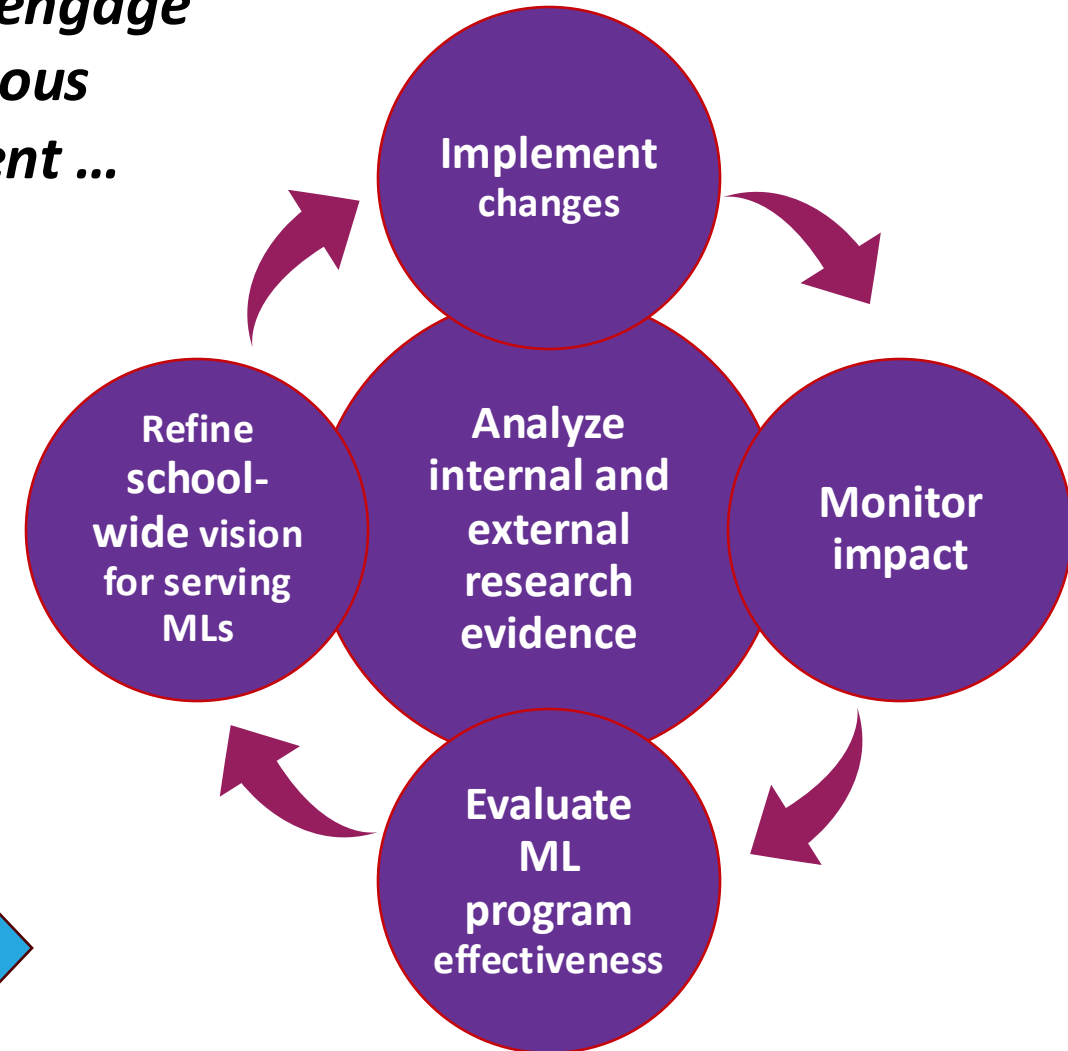
Recognize **effective teaching practices**
for **MLs**

Model and facilitate the **skillful use of**
research evidence

Inform **research-based policy**
decisions and program changes

Scaffold the **development of**
collective teacher efficacy

*...so they can engage
in continuous
improvement ...*

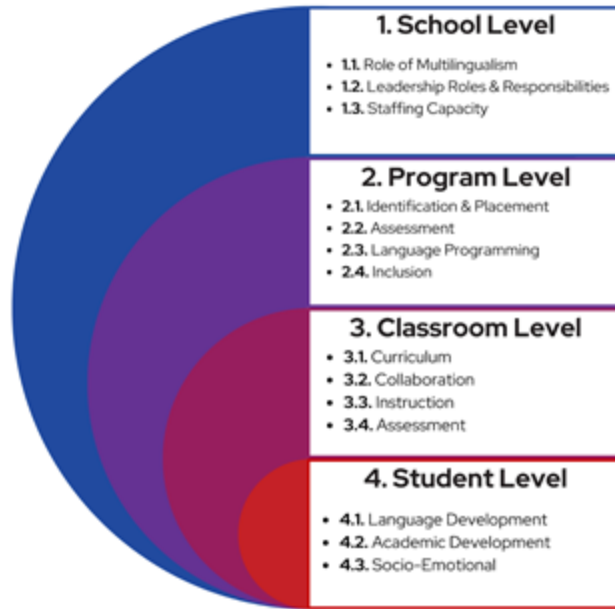


Impact: Teacher Learning



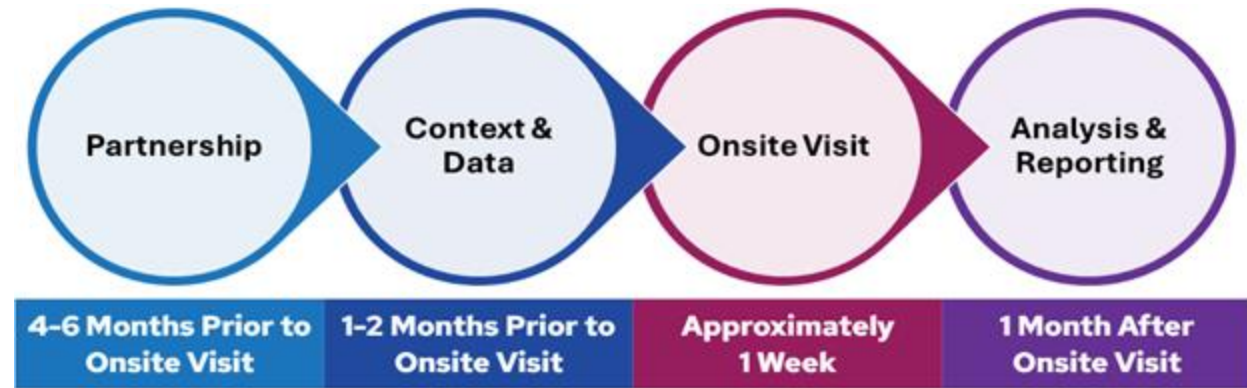
Team building: Shared purpose around a common goal or problem of practice

Collective efficacy: Confidence and competence to lead change



The MLRC Program Review:

A comprehensive analysis of programs serving multilingual learners



- Created by a **team of global researchers** and reviewed by international experts
- Grounded in **current research** and existing **evaluation frameworks**
- Provides **formative feedback**, including relevant and actionable data and recommendations to improve programs serving multilingual learners
- Complements **strategic planning** and accreditation processes for continuous improvement

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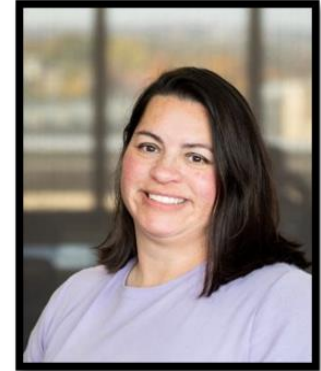
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How can our school get involved?

- ✓ **Join the MLRC School Network**
- ✓ **Engage with the MLRC Online Research Hub**
- ✓ **Send a team to a Research Symposium**
- ✓ **Present or publish your work!**