# Career & College: Ready, Set, Go!
# NC's Race to the Top Plan

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# A Coherent Plan for Statewide Impact

# Race to the Top: NC's Process

- **September Webinars -** Basic Information
- **October Regional Meetings -** Technical Assistance for LEA/charter school teams
- **November 8 -** Scope of Work Applications Due to NCDPI from LEAs/charter schools
- **Funds Distributed as soon as funding received from US Department of Education (estimated 9/30) and LEA/charter Detailed Scope of Work plan approved by NCDPI**

# Race to the Top: NC's Process

- NC awarded: $399,465,769 (over 4 years)
- $34 M deducted for state wide technology project
- ½ to be distributed to LEAs
- ECS estimated allocation over 4 years:

**$365,727**

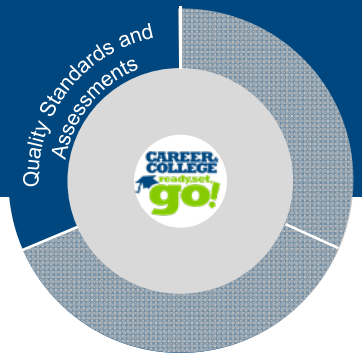
# Race to the Top: NC's Process

## Edenton-Chowan RttT Team

- Emma Berry (Finance Officer)
- Ricky Browder (Board of Education)
- Audrey Bunch (PK-5 Curriculum & Instruction)
- Beth Gagnon (NCAE Representative)
- Jamie Gillespie (Principal)
- Nelle Hyatt (Technology Director)
- Stacy Leggett (6-12 Curriculum & Instruction)
- Allan Smith (Superintendent)

# A Great Teacher for Every Student
# A Great Leader for Every School

- **Performance incentives for lowest-achieving schools**
- **Research-supported university preparation programs**
- **Research- and data-based recruitment and licensure programs:**
  - **Teach for America expansion**
  - **NC Teacher Corps**
  - **Regional Leadership Academies**
- **Strategic staffing initiatives**
- **Expansion of virtual and blended teaching**
- **Statewide professional development system**
- **Successful innovations in identifying, developing, and supporting effective leaders**
- **Statewide teacher and principal evaluation systems**




# Statewide Standards and Assessments

- **Common Core Standards adoption**
- **Governing member of the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium**
- **Alignment of standards across PK-20**
- **Experience in - and a plan for - successful implementation of comprehensive, balanced assessment system**

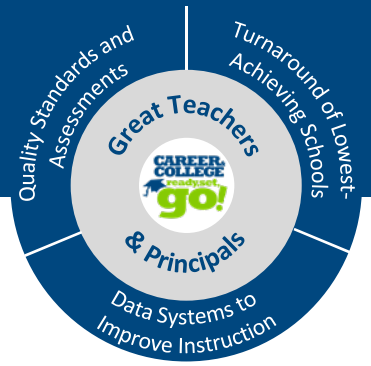
# Turnaround Criteria

- **Lowest 5% of schools in each grade span group: elementary, middle and high school**
- **High schools with a graduation rate below 60%**
- **School districts with an aggregate performance composite below 65%**

# Building Capacity in Rural Schools

## By ensuring…

- **Effective teachers and principals**
- **Statewide technology infrastructure and resources**
- **Virtual learning opportunities for students**
- **Engaged communities**




# Innovative, Transformational Schools: An Array of Choices

- **Early College high schools**
- **Redesigned schools**
- **Charter schools**
- **NC School of Science and Mathematics**
- **District-level magnet schools**
- **STEM-themed high schools**

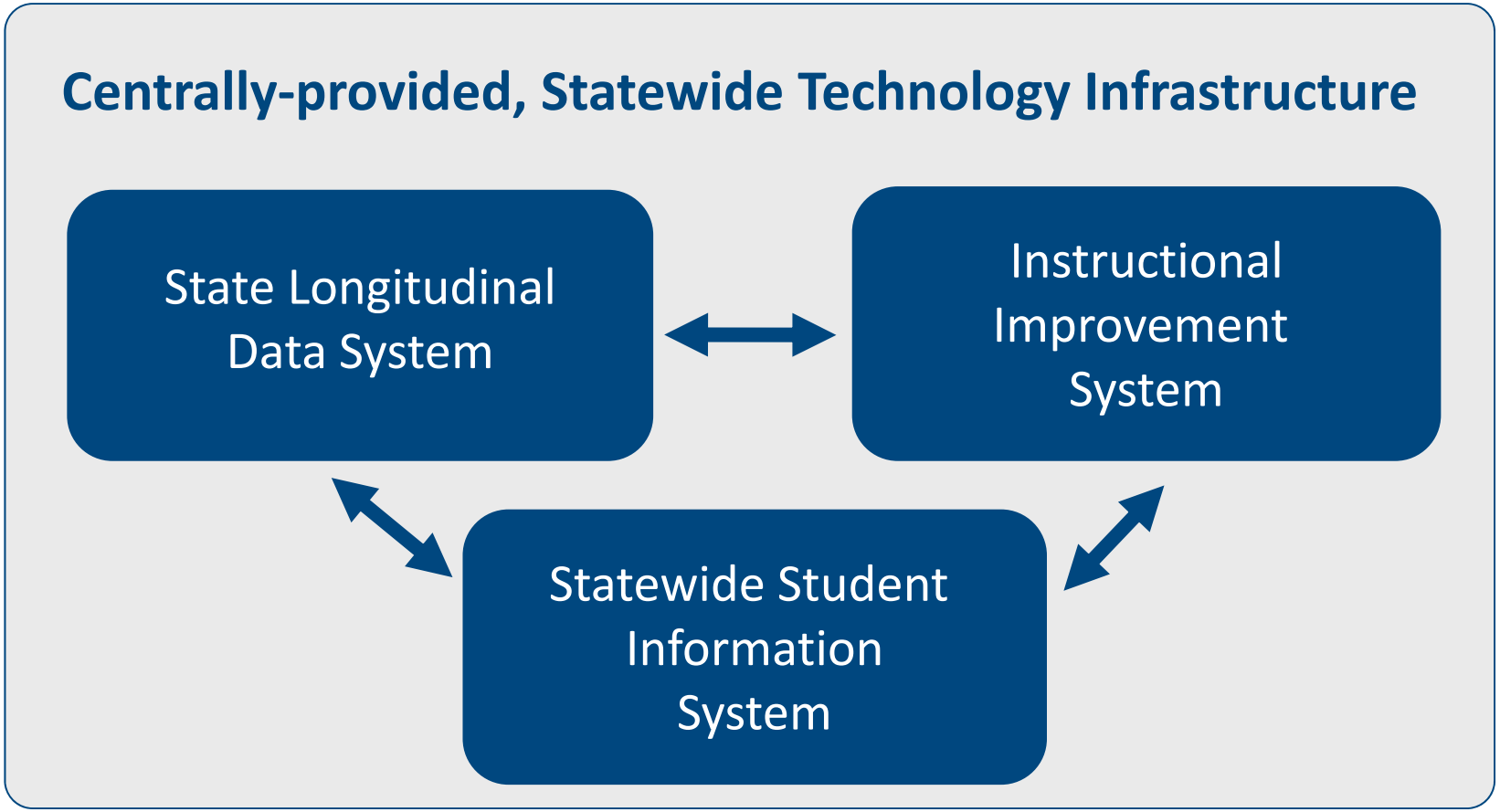
# Expanding STEM Opportunities

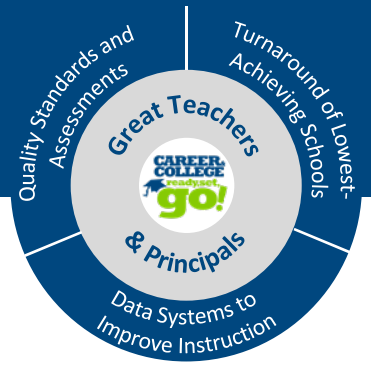
- **Rigorous standards**
- **STEM teacher initiatives**
- **Virtual and blended STEM courses**
- **Networking of STEM-themed high schools**
- **Strong support from NC businesses and foundations**

# Data-Driven Decisions at All Levels

Data Systems to Improve Instruction

## Statewide Information Systems






# Enhancing All Initiatives Through Technology

- **Technology to enhance all reform areas**
- **Building upon technology-enabled education initiatives**
- **NC Education Cloud**
  - **Next generation technology infrastructure**
  - **Service delivery platform for content, services and applications**

# Detailed Scope of Work

- **Detailed Scope of Work template**
- **Due to DPI: Nov. 8, 2010**
- **Review Process: feedback/approval**
- **Due to US Dept of Ed: Nov. 22, 2010**

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