

NYSED PLAN PILOT SPOTLIGHT

BINGHAMTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Binghamton City School District is participating in the NYSED PLAN Pilot PBLA Grant to advance student learning and instructional practices aligned with the Portrait of a Graduate, while supporting statewide efforts to reimagine graduation measures.

In March our BCSD team did a site visit with our Mentor School, Tech Valley High School, to see high quality PBL in action. During the month of July a team attended Tech Valley's two-day 'PBL Primer' Project Development Workshop, attendees engaged in a step-by-step design process, transforming initial ideas into launch-ready projects by the end of the session.

In September, our Mentor School liaison, Sarah Hugger, provided an immersive one-day "PBL Primer" to a group of 40 Middle and High School teachers, who left energized with project planning underway. This work will continue during the school year with virtual support meetings aligned with content area common planning time.

We value the collaboration and partnership with Tech Valley High School, whose support has been, and will continue to be instrumental in advancing our work in high-quality project-based learning initiatives in our own district.

