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Advancing Student-Centered Math Instruction in North Carolina with Modern Classrooms Project and The Innovation Project

October 22, 2025 — Modern Classrooms Project, a nationally-recognized nonprofit pioneering blended, self-paced, mastery-based instructional models, is proud to announce a new two-year partnership with The Innovation Project (TIP), a collaborative of North Carolina's most forward-thinking public school superintendents and districts. This partnership will connect TIP's statewide network of education professionals to resources and support that will accelerate student-centered learning aligned with high quality math curriculum in North Carolina, the ninth-largest state in the country.

This landmark initiative launches in spring 2026 with at least two TIP member districts (serving over 30,000 students) for the first cohort of comprehensive professional learning. A second cohort will launch in 2027. Through this collaboration, TIP and Modern Classrooms Project will deliver large-scale, sustainable instructional transformation for North Carolina's students and educators.

"North Carolina educators are leading the way in classroom innovation. This partnership will support educators across the state at scale, allowing them to better meet the needs of every student," shared Modern Classrooms Project CEO and co-founder Kareem Farah.

TIP CEO, Dr. Sharon Contreras added, "We are excited to bring this innovation into TIP's portfolio and help our member districts leverage the opportunity to accelerate learning for students unleashing their potential."

About the Partnership

1. **Scope & Scale:** At least four TIP member school districts over two years will participate in modern, mastery-based professional learning in 2026 and 2027.
2. **Support & Sustainability:** TIP and Modern Classrooms Project will collaborate to integrate innovative practices into comprehensive district strategies, support implementation in project-ready schools, drive communications and awareness statewide, and co-convene major stakeholder gatherings for shared learning.
3. **Investment & Commitment:** Modern Classrooms Project has made a \$1 million commitment to expanding math mastery in North Carolina, which will provide philanthropically funded support to TIP districts.
4. **District Participation:** Each district will pilot new instructional strategies over two years—with the first year fully funded and the second year subsidized at 50% through philanthropic support, making powerful, sustained instructional transformation accessible to all participating schools.

The Power of Collaboration

TIP's statewide network connects North Carolina's largest and most innovative districts—representing some of the largest systems nationally, as well as smaller, rural districts embracing innovation. This partnership will foster lasting instructional change and unleash student potential, especially in districts serving students from historically marginalized communities.

For district leaders and educators, this partnership provides comprehensive professional learning, aligned resources, and a statewide platform for showcasing innovation that works. Modern Classrooms Project and TIP invite all members of the education community to join in advancing mastery-based learning for North Carolina's students.

To learn more about the Modern Classrooms Project and the opportunity for TIP member districts, visit go.modernclassrooms.org/math/nc. Information on The Innovation Project and a map of participating districts can be found at www.tipnc.org.

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About Modern Classrooms Project:

Modern Classrooms Project is a nonprofit dedicated to empowering educators with innovative instructional models that personalize learning for every student. Modern Classrooms Project equips educators to build classrooms where students have access to high-quality grade-level content and appropriate support to build deep content mastery, serving thousands of teachers and students nationwide.

About The Innovation Project:

The Innovation Project is a collaborative of superintendents and districts across North Carolina committed to transformative education. TIP's members represent 42% of North Carolina's public school students and work to incubate and scale solutions that prepare students for lifelong success.