

# Blended Learning

Program Expectation Calls with Leadership  
November 2017



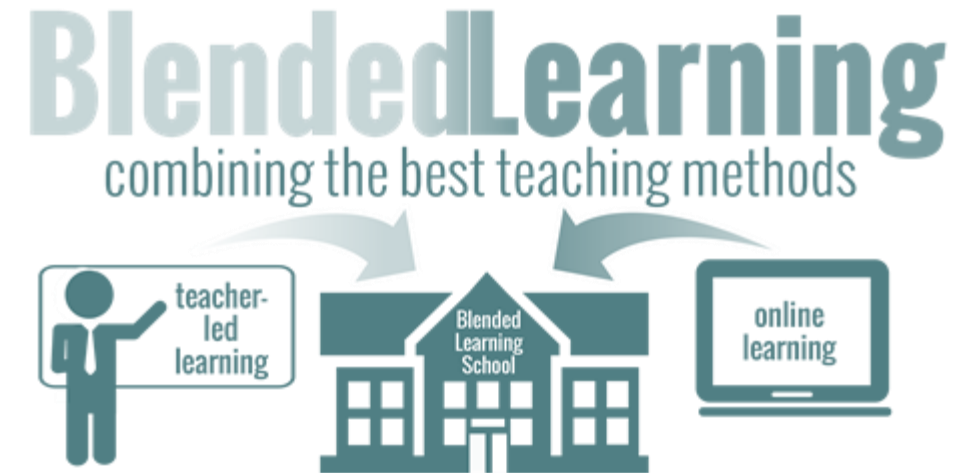
# The Education Alliance

- The “voice” of business community to support public education
- Provide resources and support - \$1.5 million in resources last year
- Today:
  - Blended Learning grant
  - Secondary grant



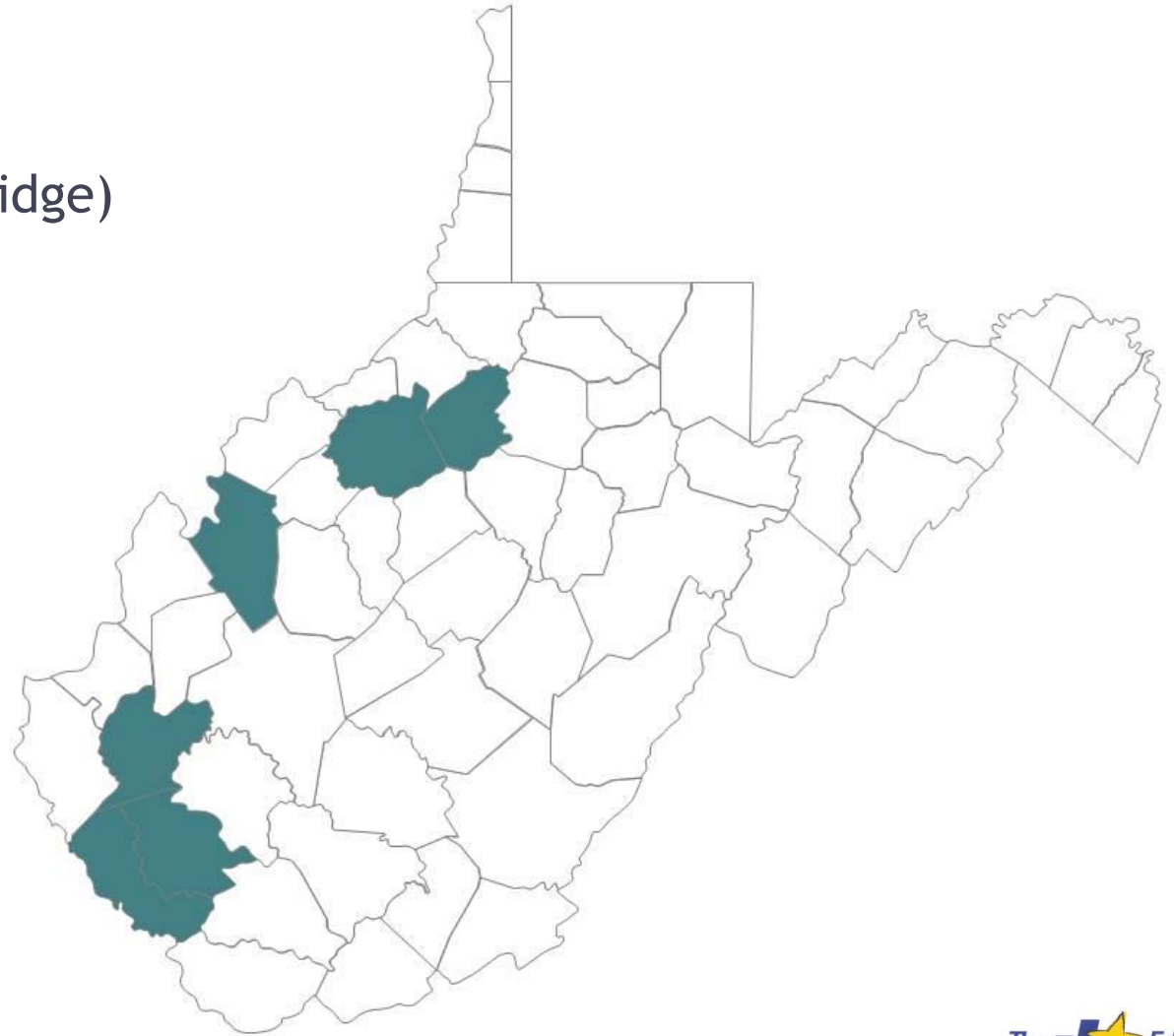
# What is Blended Learning?

- A program of The Education Alliance
- Cohort of 7 rural high schools in West Virginia that:
  - Provide a “blended” approach to STEM education
  - Face-to-face instruction enhanced through Maker Spaces to provide hands-on, project-based learning
  - Digital instruction provided using a Learning Management System (LMS) to organize and create content that enhances student learning



# Participating Schools

1. Doddridge County High School (Doddridge)
2. Lincoln County High School (Lincoln)
3. Logan County High School (Logan)
4. Mann High School (Logan)
5. Ravenwood High School (Jackson)
6. Ritchie County High School (Ritchie)
7. Tug Valley High School (Mingo)



# Program Benefits

- \$15,000 Maker Space grant
- Teacher stipends for participation
- Maker Space Coordinator VISTA
- Opportunities to partner with Blended Learning experts
- Network professional development
- External evaluation and impact data

# Program Timeline

## Phase I: “Pre-Implementation” (Spring 2018)

- Identify school leadership team
- School program expectation calls
- VISTA recruitment, PSO & Start of Service
- MOA Due (Jan 30)
- Press Announcement
- Professional Development Workshop
- 6-week Online Course & Plan Development
- Maker Space Development
- Plan & Information Sharing Webinar
- Initial Data Collection

## Phase II: “Implementation” (Fall 2018 – Spring 2019)

- Launch Maker Space
- Develop & Implement Blended Learning Courses
- Continue Professional Development
- Network with Blended Learning Schools
- Evaluate Program Impact

## Phase III: “Sustainability” (Fall 2019 - Spring 2020)

- Increase program impact by expanding the classes using Maker Space and LMS platform
- Share best practices and implementation strategies with other schools

# Memorandum of Agreement

- Who should agree to the MOA:
  - The County Board of Education
  - The School
  - The Education Alliance
- Due January 30, 2018

# The County Board of Education

- Agrees to terms and conditions of the MOU
- Support the development and implementation of the school's Blended Learning program
- Ensure the school meets all evaluation reporting requirements



# The School

- Agrees to terms and conditions of the MOA
- Use the **\$15,000** grant to design and implement a Maker Space
- Identify **2-4\*** teachers to implement a “blended” approach in one or more STEM course(s):
  - Each teacher will receive **\$200** per day of participation
  - Participation includes time spent in training and developing the blended course
    - 2018 expected **6** days commitment
    - 2019 expected **2** days commitment
    - 2020 expected **1** days commitment
- Participate in a third-party evaluation
- **OPTIONAL**: Sponsor an AmeriCorps VISTA for a three year period
- Network with other Pilot schools and showcase successes to other schools

# The Education Alliance

- Serve as the Fiscal Agent and overall administrator of the grant
- Distribute teacher stipends and the \$15,000 grant
- Provide a Program Director
- Comply with grant provisions
- Provide ongoing professional development
- Coordinate a third-party evaluation.
- *\*OPTIONAL* - Assist with recruitment, screening, interviewing, selection of Maker Space Coordinator VISTA candidates and with the development of VISTA assignment descriptions

# What is a VISTA?

- VISTA stands for Volunteer in Service to America
- VISTA serve as Maker Space Coordinators
- Support the development of the school's Maker Space and implementation of blended courses
- Focus efforts on building the organizational, administrative, and financial capacity of the Blended Learning School



# VISTA Benefits

- Full-time, 1-year commitment (35-40 hours per week)
- \$11,676 living allowance payment
- \$5,775 education award OR \$1,500 stipend
- Benefits including health coverage, life insurance and child care assistance (if eligible)
- 1-year of Federal Non-Competitive Eligibility Status

# Next Steps

- Identify school leadership team
  - Administrator
  - 2-4 STEM teachers
  - Maker Space Coordinator VISTA
    - Recruitment Deadline: early January
    - PSO & Start of Service: February
- School program expectation calls (January)
- MOA Due (January 30)
- Press Announcement & Professional Development Workshop (March)