



Innocademy

iCademy Global and Innocademy thank the Education & Appropriations Committees for their support of innovative initiatives in education!



IES Schools are built on  
four non-negotiable foundations:  
Each school regardless of location,  
demographics, or size is rooted in ...



# Leadership



- ▶ Leadership is a way of thinking. Students will graduate from iCademy Global with a deep rooted sense of *leading* by example, *servicing* others, and developing goals related to leadership.
- ▶ At Innocademy *leadership* qualities are deliberately taught and modeled using “The 7 Habit of Happy Kids” by Sean Covey. It doesn’t take long to hear students working through an issue using the phrase “let’s make this a *win-win*”. Opportunities are abundant for students to demonstrate leadership at school and throughout the community.

# Leadership

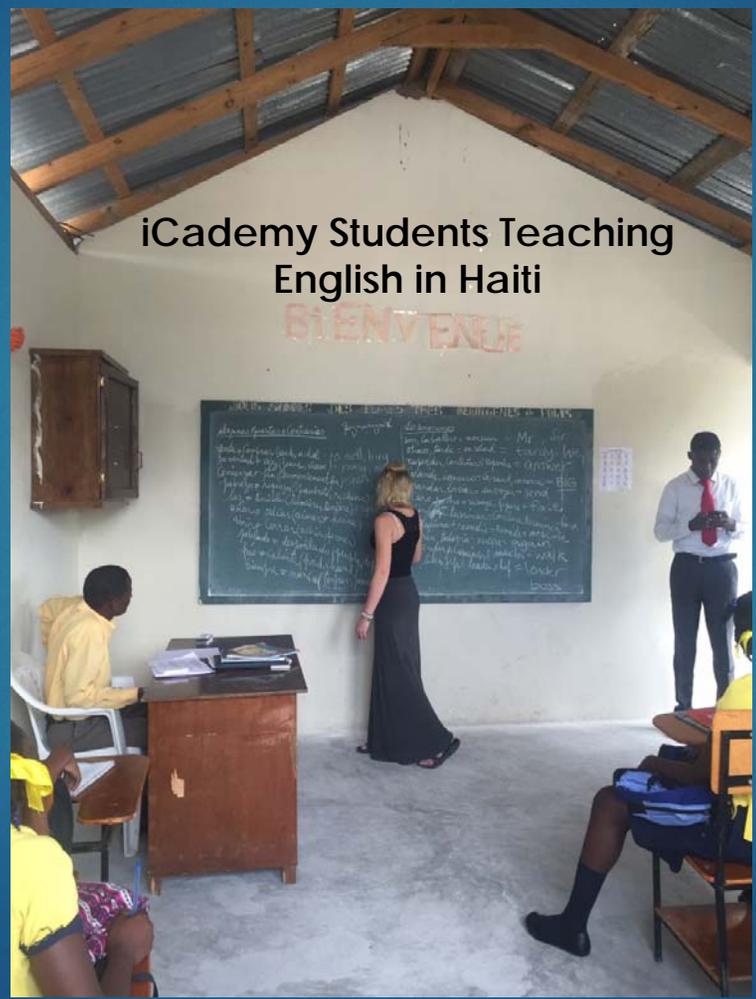
## Budding baristas: iCademy students open coffee shop

Students at iCademy Global at 8485 Homestead Drive in Zeeland have been creating a business plan for the shop for at least the past year.

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Jacquelyn Buckner, 17, a senior at iCademy Global, pours hot water over ground coffee Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016, at the Zeeland charter school's new Re:fuel coffee shop. Amy Biolchini/Sentinel Staff



### iCademy Students Teaching English in Haiti



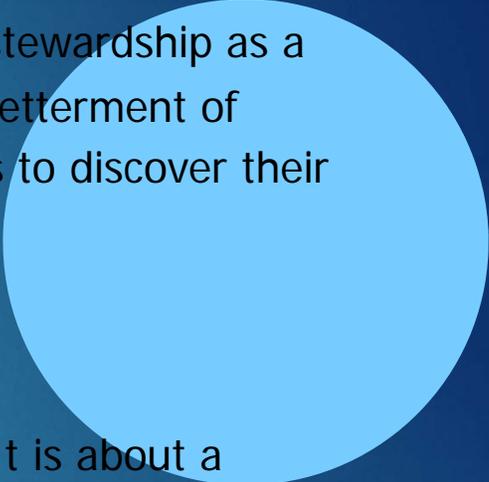
### Multiage Mentoring



### Innocademy Marketplace (student run marketplace with own goods and services to go towards field trips.

# Stewardship



- ▶ iCademy Global fosters hearts of gratitude and the understanding of stewardship as a way of life. Stewardship is giving of our *gifts* and talents for the betterment of those around us. iCademy Global provides opportunities for students to discover their gifts and passions and provides tangible experiences of giving.
  - ▶ At Innocademy stewardship is at the *heart* of everything we do. It is about a “Culture of Caring” *building relationships* and being part of something bigger than ourselves.
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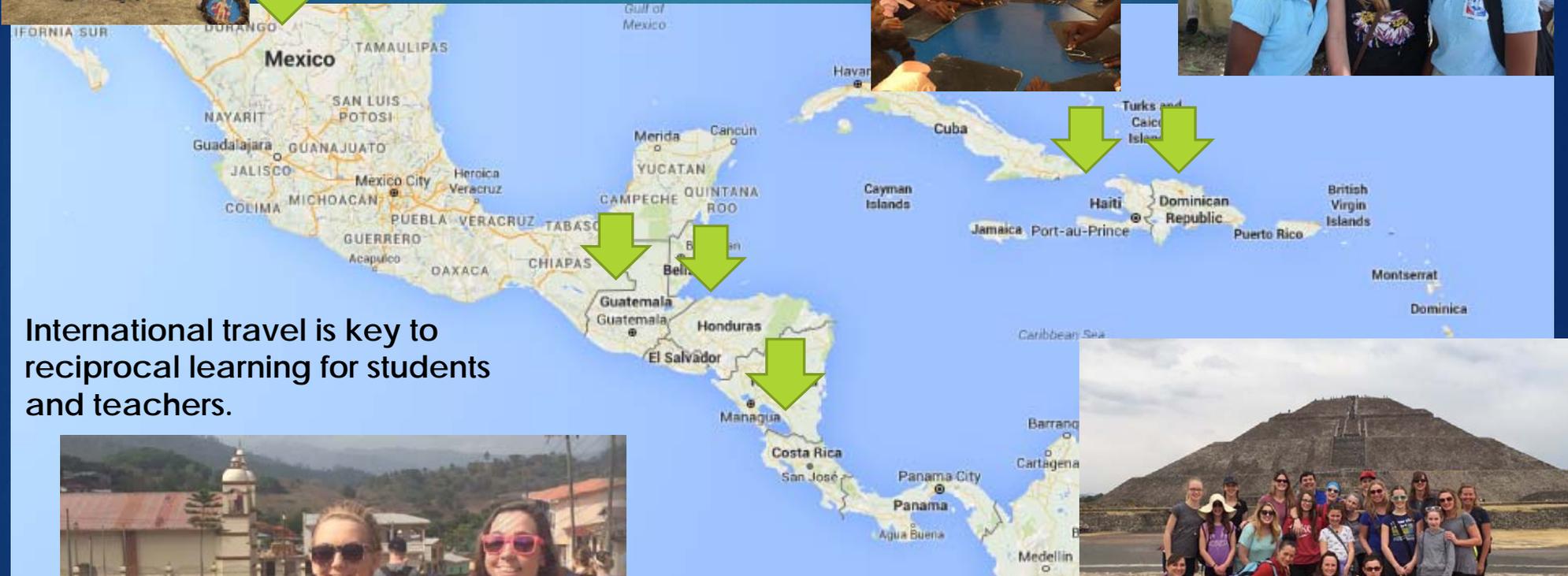
Students raised money and made a Gaga Pit for the Queretaro Boy's Home

Technological School in Haiti... iCademy students teaching Haitian teachers the art of on-line learning!



# Global

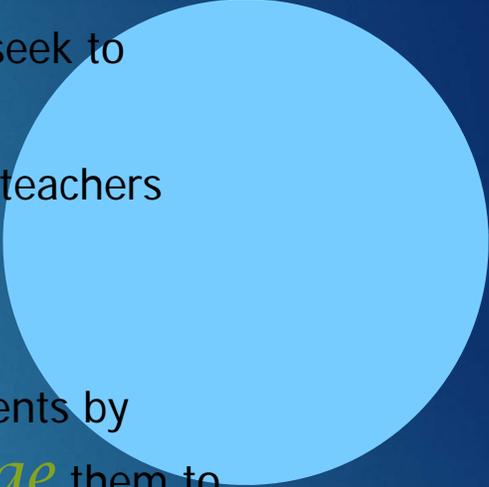
- ▶ iCademy Global students will immerse themselves in cultural and global awareness. Students will graduate with the opportunities to deeply understand a culture, travel internationally, and actively engage in a cultural and *global need*.
- ▶ At Innocademy, we believe learning extends beyond our four walls. Students are intentionally immersed in diverse environments and cultures. We are *global thinkers* who value the culture, expertise, and passion of others around the world.



International travel is key to reciprocal learning for students and teachers.



# High Academic Achievement



- ▶ iCademy Global students experience learning at a higher level. We seek to *raise the bar* on education. Our students have access to a *customized* curriculum that fosters community with not only teachers and other students, but the area in which they live and beyond.
- ▶ At Innocademy, "*Just Right Learning*" empowers students by allowing them to work in flexible multi-age groups that *challenge* them to reach the next academic milestone. Just Right Learning enables students to learn at their own pace and mode of instruction, whether a student needs to pause & process or accelerate & advance.

## M-STEP '15 School to State Comparison

### iCademy

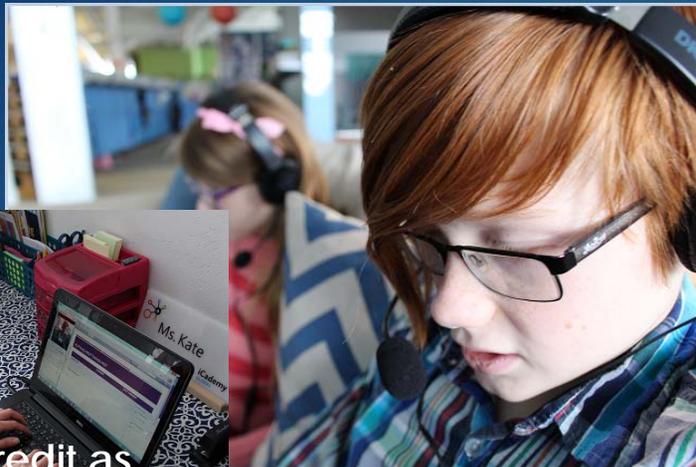
State % Met Standard	iCad % Met Standard	Difference	Grade	Subject	# of Students
49	38	-11	3	Mathematics	19
50	67	17	3	English Language Arts	19
41	56	15	4	Mathematics	20
47	56	9	4	English Language Arts	20
12	7	-5	4	Science	20
33	44	11	5	Mathematics	25
49	53	4	5	English Language Arts	25
22	38	16	5	Social Studies	25
33	39	6	6	Mathematics	16
45	54	9	6	English Language Arts	16
33	50	17	7	Mathematics	23
49	64	15	7	English Language Arts	23
23	64	41	7	Science	23
32	21	-11	8	Mathematics	38
48	21	-27	8	English Language Arts	38
30	21	-11	8	Social Studies	38

### Innocademy

State % Met Standard	Inno % Met Standard	Difference	Grade	Subject	# of Students
49	50	1	3	Mathematics	22
50	55	5	3	English Language Arts	22
41	41	0	4	Mathematics	22
47	55	8	4	English Language Arts	22
12	9	-3	4	Science	22
33	52	19	5	Mathematics	25
49	89	40	5	English Language Arts	25
22	26	4	5	Social Studies	25
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High School Credit as a Middle School Learner



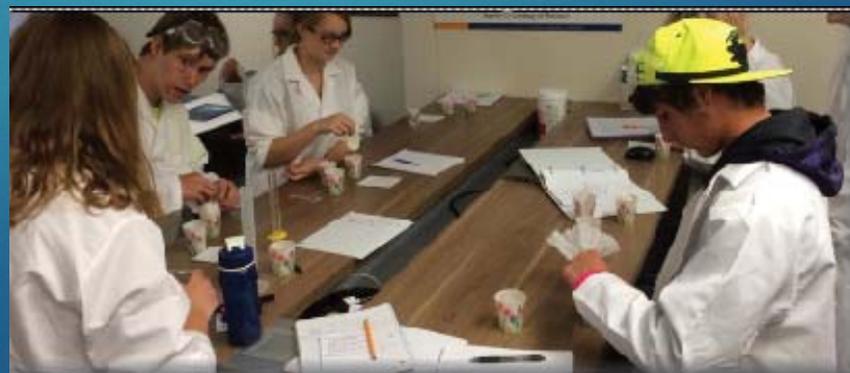
Global Learning



First Robotics



Project-Based Learning (Buck Institute)



QPOE3 from Van Andel Institute

# How are we different?

## A culture based on Innovation

- Pace of **deliberate change** by taking calculated risks. Retooling of approaches, curriculum, and technology is essential in this historic time for educational reform.
- No taxing of local communities. Have to find ways **to run efficiently** and be wise stewards of state funding.
- Our **teacher-led** philosophy promotes school-wide ownership as administrative responsibilities are spread and teachers are the key decision makers. Teacher-led structure requires trust, risk-taking, and honesty which in turn creates an invested, powerhouse team that spends money like it's their own...all while considering first what is best for kids.
- **Play big, stay small!**
- Competition...If we want our online school to attract students, then it has to **get better (academically & relationally) faster** than the rest...THAT is innovation!

# How can educators and legislators work together?

## ▶ Flexible Thinking in Policy & Decision Making

- ▶ M-STEP participation rates for traveling families
  - ▶ iCademy has families that travel internationally for parent's work & need to take state assessments off-site, alternatives dates, or exempt them from state accountability
- ▶ Considerations for Spanish Immersion students & teachers
  - ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading test is difficult for students who start receiving instruction in English in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
  - ▶ Modified teacher certification for native speakers
  - ▶ A system that fosters international teacher and student exchanges...our schools would love to be a "guinea pig"
- ▶ Assessment calendars that honor flexible learning groups and balanced calendars
- ▶ Alternative certification for STEM experts in their field

## ▶ Budgetary Considerations

- ▶ Professional Development funding to support STEM, reading, technology initiatives
  - ▶ Exemplar PD including Van Andel Science Institute, Buck Institute for Education model for Project Based Learning, & Susan Barton Bright Solutions for Dyslexia
- ▶ Flexibility with budgeting General Fund vs. Categorical

# Let's Partner to Make Michigan the Leaders in Education!

- ▶ We hope to be part of making Michigan a leader in INNOVATIVE educational reform and preparing students to impact our state's economy, culture and global connectedness. If there are any subcommittees, think tanks, or piloting programs, we want to pile in.
- ▶ Let's learn from each other....Please come see kids in action....OR we can bring them to YOU!

