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2024 Annual Report

Envisioning a New Future for Secondary Education



A Letter from our Leadership

As we reflect on this past year, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering dedication of Mass Insight's partners, funders, and supporters who continue to champion our mission. This has been a year of transformation, and we are excited to partner and share the journey with you.

We bid farewell to Dr. Susan Lusi, whose leadership has left a lasting impact, and we enthusiastically welcomed the return of Andrea Wolfe, now serving as CEO. Andrea brings deep expertise and a renewed vision for Mass Insight's future. Dr. Leslie Chang has expanded her scope of responsibility in the new role of Chief of Staff, overseeing people and culture, development, and communications. We welcomed Michelle Mercado as Chief Program Officer, bringing her passion and strategic insight to our work, and our Chief of Finance and Operations, Margery Piercey, continued to lead our efforts to ensure financial sustainability and operational excellence. Our executive team stands as a testament to the strength, vision, and expertise that will continue to propel our mission forward.

Our year of change sparked thoughtful conversations within our team and with our partners about maximizing our impact. Our goal remains clear: to ensure every student in our partner schools graduates ready to succeed and

pursue choice-filled lives. We have seen remarkable outcomes in our Advanced Placement program. Despite pandemic challenges, student achievement has soared, reinforcing the need to expand AP access nationwide. Reflecting on our district partnerships, we are proud to have continued to positively impact students' lives nationwide through our recurring partnerships in Indiana, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

This moment calls for more intentional efforts to uplift students and ensure their academic success. Looking ahead, we are expanding our scope in secondary education, ensuring students receive critical support at key academic milestones. Leveraging our existing partnerships and solidifying new ones is an essential focus of our secondary education effort. Building on our strong foundation, this strategic shift will drive lasting, systemic change and further our mission for educational excellence.

None of this progress would be possible without the support of our champions. We thank you for investing in the future of public education. The work ahead is ambitious, and we know that real change requires a community-wide effort. Together, we can create an education system centered on excellence, empowering students to thrive and reach their full potential.

Andrea, Leslie, Michelle, and Margery

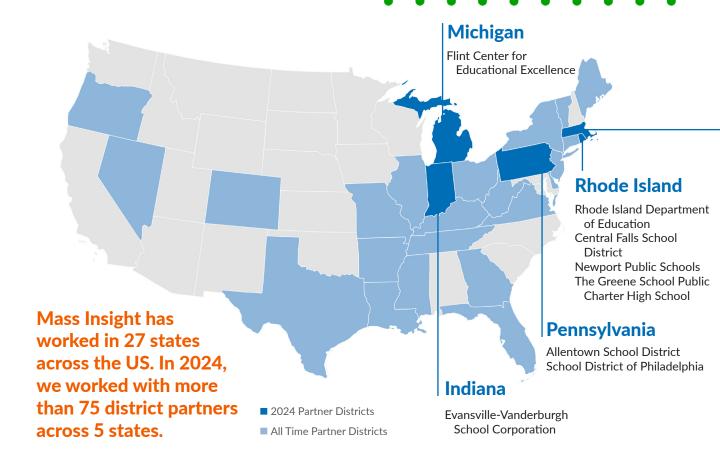








2024 On the Map



Massachusetts

Agawam Public Schools Auburn Public Schools Ayer Shirley Regional School District Blackstone Regional School District Blackstone-Millville Regional School District **Boston Public Schools** Boston Charter Public Schools **Bourne Public Schools Brockton Public Schools** Central Berkshire Regional School District Chelsea Public Schools Chicopee Public Schools Clinton Public Schools Dartmouth Public Schools **Dracut Public Schools Dudley-Charlton Regional** School District Fall River Public Schools Fitchburg Public Schools Franklin County Technical School District **Grafton Public Schools Granby Public Schools Greater Fall River Regional** Vocational Technical District Haverhill Public Schools Holyoke Public Schools

Lawrence Public Schools Leicester Public Schools **Ludlow Public Schools** Mendon-Upton Regional School District Methuen Public School District Middleborough Public Schools Millbury Public Schools Narragansett Regional School District Nashoba Valley Technical School District New Bedford Public Schools Northampton-Smith Vocational Agricultural Public School District Norwood Public Schools Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District Oxford Public Schools Palmer Public School District Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District Peabody Public Schools Pentucket Regional School District Pioneer Valley Regional School District Pittsfield Public Schools Public Schools of Northborough and Southborough Quaboag Regional School District

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Preparation: Surpassing Prepandemic Outcomes in AP

Mass Insight's AP STEM & English program, now in its 17th year, is rooted in the belief that all students deserve rigorous educational opportunities in high school. Research indicates that Advanced Placement (AP) courses and exams are associated with positive postsecondary outcomes, including increased postsecondary institution enrollment and persistence, higher college grades, increased college graduation rates, and future higher earning wages. Serving over 10,000 students each year, our program expands opportunity and achievement, eliminating barriers to Advanced Placement entry and preparing students to succeed in both college and career pathways.

In 2024, College Board AP exam data for our partner schools showed students continuing a three year streak of year-over-year increases, not just meeting, but exceeding pre-pandemic outcomes. In the midst of the continued effects of learning loss across the country, data from our Massachusetts partner schools shows our success with pandemic recovery, with 2024 outcomes exceeding 2019 outcomes by 15% in exams taken and 18% in qualifying scores. Additionally, 2024 outcomes for students of color exceeded 2019 outcomes by 32% in exams taken and by 65% in qualifying scores. Massachusetts also ranked first in the nation in qualifying scores

among graduating seniors in 2024 for the second year in a row. We see these results as a signal that our program is achieving its intended impact, accelerating both learning recovery and educational excellence for all students.

Achieving a qualifying score on an AP exam not only prepares students for success in related college coursework, it also equips them with study skills and stress management tactics that will help them manage workloads, while saving money and time during their college education by receiving college credit for their qualifying scores. This makes AP success a powerful tool for economic mobility, particularly for students from low-income backgrounds. Our data shows that students supported by Mass Insight were not only more likely than their counterparts to enroll in college, they were also more likely to graduate within six years. This was especially evident for students from low-income backgrounds.

Inspired by our recent successes, we're preparing to scale our program nationwide with new service offerings. To learn how your school or district can impact AP outcomes, contact our team today.

MA remains #1 in AP Success.

We are exceeding pre-pandemic outcomes for both student access and success in advanced coursework.



ALL STUDENTS



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Based on student outcome data from schools partnering with Mass Insight's AP STEM & English program between 2019-2024. Y-axis scales not comparable across graphs in order to show detailed trends over time.

Progress: Celebrating Improvements in Our Partner Districts

At Mass Insight, tracking progress—both within our own organization and across our partnerships—is central to our mission. By embracing a culture of continuous learning, we ensure that our work is data-driven, responsive, and rooted in the strengths of the schools and districts we partner with. Each step forward is a testament to the collective commitment of educators, students, families, and communities working together to improve outcomes for all learners.

In 2024, we were proud to witness significant progress in school systems nationwide. In Evansville, Indiana, our partnership to enhance Special Education services helped the district advance from 'needs improvement' to 'meets requirements' on the state's results-driven accountability determinations, marking a crucial milestone in their efforts to better serve students with disabilities and ensure access to quality education.

In Philadelphia, our longstanding collaboration with the School District and the Chester County Intermediate Unit has supported more than 60 schools identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)—a designation reserved for the lowest-performing 5% of Title I schools in the

state or those with graduation rates below 67%. Since 2021, we have provided guidance in school planning, progress monitoring, technical assistance, and district coordination to help these schools drive meaningful change.

In our four years of partnership thus far, 12 of Mass Insight-supported schools have achieved a milestone accomplishment by exiting CSI status. This past year, two of our Philadelphia partner schools—A. Philip Randolph Career and Technical High School and George Washington High School realized this achievement. Their success reflects the impact of targeted interventions, including student attendance support, professional development for educators, and a concerted effort to strengthen school culture. Notably, Randolph demonstrated significant gains across English Language Arts proficiency, attendance, and career standards benchmark attainment. Washington demonstrated significant gains in attendance and career standards. Respectively, these are commendable feats given

12 of Mass Insight-supported schools have exited CSI status in 4 years.

the challenges high schools face in exiting CSI status.

Beyond these successes, five additional Philadelphia partner schools are on track to make similar gains, showing strong potential to exit CSI status with sustained progress. These achievements, both large and small, highlight the power of collaboration and the steady momentum toward educational excellence.

At Mass Insight, we celebrate every step forward—each student's success, each teacher's growth, and each school's progress. A rigorous education for all is built through shared effort, persistence, and strategic support. As we reflect on 2024, we remain inspired by our partners' dedication and the transformative impact of collaboration on schools and communities nationwide.

"They made great leaders out of us."

- Philadelphia school leader





Potential: Reimagining Secondary Education

Mass Insight is committed to transforming secondary education to ensure every student graduates with the skills and confidence to shape their future. Across the country, middle school students are struggling with foundational math and reading skills, leading to alarming declines in academic performance. The 2024 National Assessment of Education Progress, also known as "The Nation's Report Card," reveals the widest achievement gap in 8th-grade math history, with learning loss among the lowest performing students surging by 70% since 2022. Literacy scores continue to decline, with fewer than a third of 8th graders proficient in reading, indicating that most are below grade level. These learning gaps have huge implications for high school, leaving students unprepared for careers, college, and an evolving workforce.

Mass Insight is amplifying its focus on rigorous learning experiences for all middle and high school students, ensuring college & career post secondary success and choice filled lives. In the 2025-2026 school year, Mass Insight will partner with 2-3 middle schools, where we will tackle the challenges of academic readiness through a multitiered program that centers support on three levels: school, teacher, and student.

Our Student Readiness pilot aims to address these preparatory gaps through a holistic and impact-driven partnership model focusing on strategic collaboration with leaders, professional development for teachers, and academic services for students. Our pilot outcomes seek to:

- Improve instructional effectiveness focused on integrated foundational skills
- Increase 8th graders on track for high school advanced coursework
- Validate and refine our model for year 2 scaling

With a proven track record of driving meaningful change in education, we remain steadfast in our commitment to closing learning gaps and expanding opportunities for all students. By leveraging our expertise and collaborative approach, we will work alongside schools, educators, and communities to build sustainable, high-impact solutions that empower students to succeed. The challenges are great, but so is our resolve.

In the years ahead, we envision a world where every student can say, "Middle school prepared me for high school. High school prepared me for life. And I have the skills, knowledge, and opportunities to choose my future."

Financials

In 2024, Mass Insight demonstrated financial resilience and strategic adaptability in response to shifts in the education landscape. As federal COVID relief funding sunsetted and states faced budget constraints, we proactively managed expenses while making key investments—including a successful CEO search and transition—to position the organization for long-term impact.

Thanks to a strong foundation built between 2018-2022, we effectively navigated these external shifts, closing fiscal 2024 with unrestricted net assets of \$758,000. Our learnings informed a strategic realignment and adoption of a board-approved 2025 budget reflecting a surplus—a clear step forward in rebuilding reserves and ensuring sustainable growth.

Mass Insight is deeply committed to applying financial management best practices, positioning us well to continue delivering on our mission with financial strength, agility, and a lasting impact in education.

Summary Financial Position

Current Assets	1,697,000
Non-Current Assets	98,000
Total Assets	1,795,000
Liabilities	832,000
Unrestricted Net Assets	758,000
Donor Restricted Net Assets	205,000
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	1,795,000

Revenue and Support

89%
State and Local
Agencies

8%
Gifts and
Grants

3%
Donated
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Services

How Funding Was Invested

72%

Program Services 24%

General and Administrative 4%

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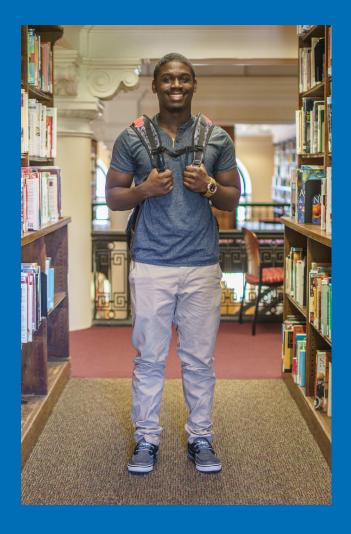
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"We're incredibly proud of our partnership and the work that your team is doing to cultivate school districts in promoting equity and opportunity for all students."

-Omaira J. Alicea-Ravelo VP, State Street Foundation



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