Protocols are most powerful and effective when used within an ongoing professional learning community and facilitated by a skilled facilitator. To learn more about professional learning communities and seminars for facilitation, please visit the School Reform Initiative website at www.schoolreforminitiative.org

Cycle of Inquiry

 Developed by the Southern Maine Partnership.

Activities Within the Cycle of Inquiry

Carry Out Strategies and Collect Data
- Data could include student work and scores, classroom observation documentation, and student feedback

Analyze Data
- Looking at Student Work (LASW) Protocols
- Data Analysis Protocols
- Reflection Protocols
- Post-Classroom Observation Protocols

Desired Student Outcomes & Theories of Learning
- At any point in this cycle did you question the outcomes your students were being expected to achieve, or your theories of how students best learn?

Frame or Reframe Key Issues or Questions
- Brainstorming Protocols

Develop and Tune Action Plan
- Planning Protocols
- Looking at Teacher Work (LATW) Protocols

Investigate Literature and Field Expertise
- Classroom Observation Protocols
- Text-based Protocols

Activities that Inform or Support the Cycle of Inquiry

Equity Activities
- Types of Feedback Activities
- Connecting Activities
- Four Corners Activity
- Comfort Zone Activity
- Norm Activities
- Listening Activities
- Protocol Matching Activities
- Etc.