Guideposts on Your Path to Education Innovation

Innovation in education means breaking problems down into their simplest parts and identifying where improvements can be made. These guideposts deconstruct challenges and lead you to a simple, innovative solution.

1. **Consider the Challenge**
   - What is preventing students from accessing quality education?

2. **Understand the Context**
   - What makes the community unique?

3. **Ensure Family and Community Ownership**
   - How can we involve all local stakeholders?

4. **Identify Potential Collaborators**
   - Who would be able to contribute information, materials, funding?

5. **Take Inventory of Resources**
   - What human and materials resources are available in the community?

6. **Research Local and Global Innovations**
   - What successful ideas from near and far can serve as models?

7. **Consider Students' Needs**
   - Are your solutions improving learning for your specific students?

8. **Develop and Test Programs**
   - Does the new idea show promise for achieving positive transformation?

9. **Seek Stakholder Input**
   - Do families and the community support the new approach?

10. **Re-explore the Innovation Field**
    - How does your new approach connect with those being implemented elsewhere?

11. **Adapt the Solution**
    - What refinements and modifications will improve the solution?

12. **Reconsider the Challenge**
    - What is continuing to prevent students from accessing quality education?

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