DYS Initiative: Education

Link between crime and education:
- Students who perform below grade levels in basic skills and drop out of school are 3.5 times more likely to be arrested than high school graduates
- Youth with lower academic performance, commit crime more frequently, commit more violent and serious offenses and are more likely to continue this lifestyle

Strategy:
The DYS school district will move to provide individualized learning environments for all youth via the Student Learning System

Functionality:
This web-based program will allow each student to be assessed in all core academic areas and will then design an individualized learning curriculum for each student

Role of the DYS teachers:
The Student Learning System will be used in conjunction with a Highly Qualified Teacher in every classroom who will combine interactive individualized teaching with a hands-on learning environment

Benefits of the Student Learning System
- Each student is able to work at his or her individual ability level
- The DYS school district will be able to accurately assess student progress
- The program also provides the potential for accelerated credit recovery, improving a youth’s ability to earn a diploma
- There will be an easier transition back to the youth’s home school district upon reentry