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CORE Data Collaborative Advances Local School Improvement Strategies

More than one hundred educators gathered today in Los Angeles for the official kickoff of the [CORE Data Collaborative](#), analyzing data and sharing strategies to improve student outcomes. Joining the network is voluntary for school districts and charter organizations, and it furthers school improvement efforts by giving educators access to data across multiple measures of school and student progress.

Actionable data supports local school improvement efforts,” explained Rick Miller, executive director of the CORE Districts. “This expanding network is helping districts learn from one another and ensuring more students are college and career ready when they graduate.”

The kick-off event included time with renowned educators Michael Fullan and Joanne Quinn, discussing systems change and capacity building. In addition, participants learned new strategies for informing educators, parents and stakeholders about school quality measures; how [social-emotional learning](#) is influencing student achievement; and how the CORE Districts’ new academic growth measure helps identify schools moving farther faster.

The network facilitates ongoing collaboration among educators about the use of data to support continuous improvement. “By being able to compare schools’ performance on multiple measures to the performance of similar schools throughout the state, educators are able to get a clearer picture of strengths and challenge areas and ways to improve student outcomes,” explained Noah Bookman, Chief Accountability Officer for the CORE Districts.

Initiated in 2015 by the [CORE Districts](#), the Data Collaborative now is open to all local educational agencies. In one year, it almost has doubled in size, and supports urban as well as rural and suburban school districts, and charter organizations serving a total of 1.8 million students in the state. To date, school districts in Sacramento, Ventura and Riverside counties, San Bernardino City Unified School District, a consortium of districts in the Silicon Valley (the East Side Alliance coordinated by the Silicon Valley Education Foundation), the Sweetwater Union High School District, Aspire Public Schools, Green Dot Public Schools, and the founding CORE Districts are supported through this network.

Data available to participating educators includes state-collected data on test scores, graduation rates, chronic absenteeism, suspension rates and information about English learners, plus locally-generated data on students’ academic growth, high school readiness, social-emotional skills and school climate. The CORE Data Collaborative partners with the independent, nonpartisan research center [Policy Analysis for California Education \(PACE\)](#) to help participating educators learn more about schools that are excelling and the strategies they are using, and identify schools in need of additional support.