IDRA’s Our School Portal

Dr. Nilka Avilés
Senior Education Associate
Mr. Héctor Bojorquez
Education Associate

5th Annual Texas Higher Education Symposium 2013
University of Texas at San Antonio
August 1, 2013
Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA)

- A vocal non-profit organization who advocates for the right of every student to equal educational opportunity.

- Committed to a valuing philosophy, respecting the individuals we work with and building on the strengths of the students and parents in their schools.

- 40 years collaborating
  - professional development
  - research and evaluation
  - policy and leadership development
  - programs and materials development.
Does everyone have access to high quality data?
IDRA’s OurSchool Portal provides...

Key data on every Texas school district:

- Curriculum quality and access
- Student outcomes; school success
- Teaching quality
- College sending rates; college preparation, college success and college persistence

It also allows you to add data via interactive surveys, email, and “myschools” datasets.
OurSchool portal gives you the power to assess four key features:

- Levers of Change
  - Engaged Citizens
  - Actionable Knowledge
  - Accountable Leadership
  - Enlightened Public Policy

- Change Strategies
  - Community Capacity Building
  - Coalition Building
  - School Capacity Building

- School System Fundamentals
  - Governance Efficacy
  - Fair Funding

- School System Indicators
  - Parent Involvement/Community Engagement
  - Student Engagement
  - Teaching Quality
  - Curriculum Quality and Access

- Outcome Indicators
  - School Holding Power
    - Dropout rates
    - Completion rates
  - Student Success
    - Preparation
    - College access and success

What do we need? How do we make change happen? Which fundamentals must be secured? Where do we focus change? What outcomes are we seeking?
Let’s Explore OurSchool Portal

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WbFh4m3-Wcg
Let’s Explore OurSchool Portal

- http://www.idra.org/ourschool/
To know more about OurSchool Portal

• Please join us at our small break-out session