



Why Data Matter

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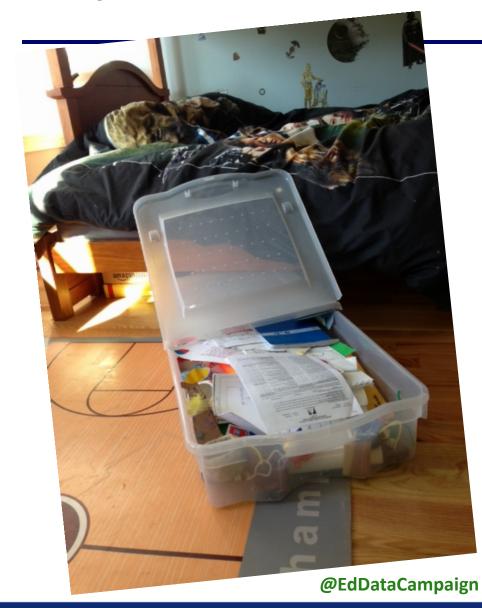
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Why Are We Here?





Q: Is my child on track to graduate college and career ready?

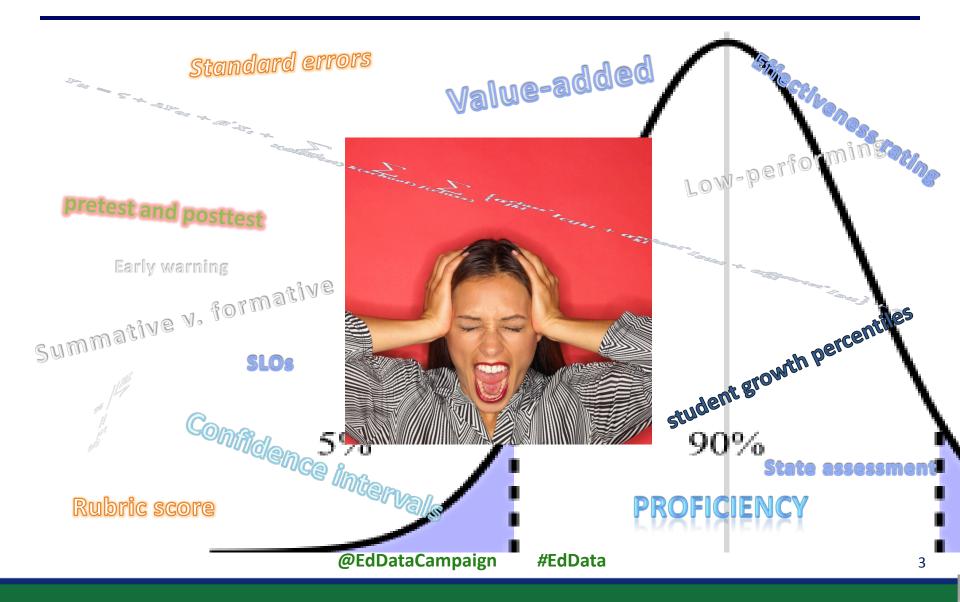
A: I don't know. The box isn't telling.

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Idaho Educators Need Data to Work FOR Them



Using Data to Improve Student Achievement



How Data Can Help Us Make Better Decisions





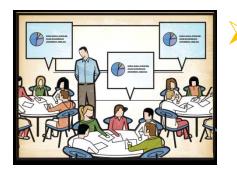
In the education sector, leaders...

- Make decisions by hunch or anecdote
- $\circ~$ Throw darts hoping to hit the bullseye

In all other sectors, leaders...

- Make decisions based on data
- $\circ~$ Have dashboards at their fingertips





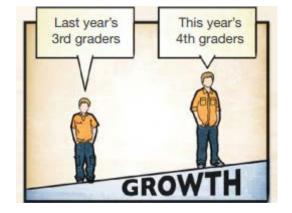
To get from "here" to "there," leaders...

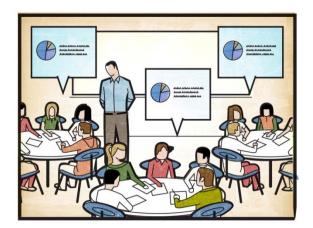
- Must lead a culture change
- Support data use for continuous improvement

Effective Data Use Means Continuous Improvement















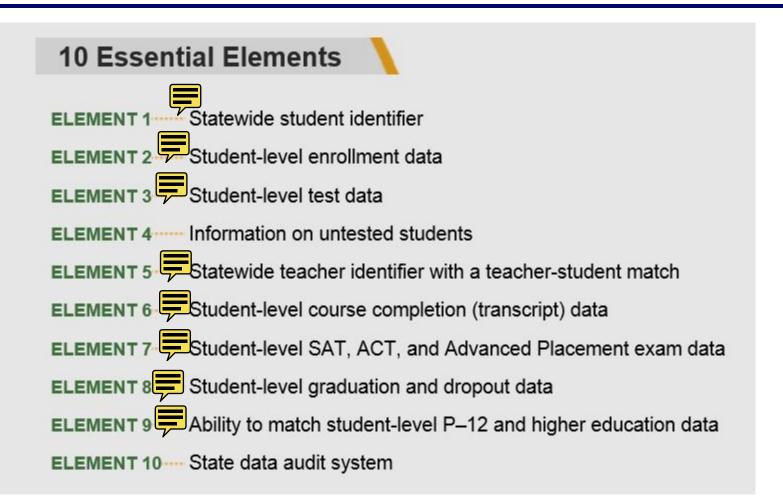
Longitudinal Data Improves the Picture



| | Snapshot | Longitudinal |
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| Student Level | Data on individual students from a single point in time <i>To answer:</i> What is my child's test score this year? | Data on individual students followed over time <i>To answer:</i> Is my child on track to graduate college and career ready? |
| Aggregate Level | Data on a group of students at a single point in time <i>To answer:</i> What percentage of students at Elementary | Data on the same group of students followed over time <i>To answer:</i> What percentage of students at Elementary School A |
| | School A scored proficient last year? | are on track to graduate CCR? |

What's In My LDS, Anyway?

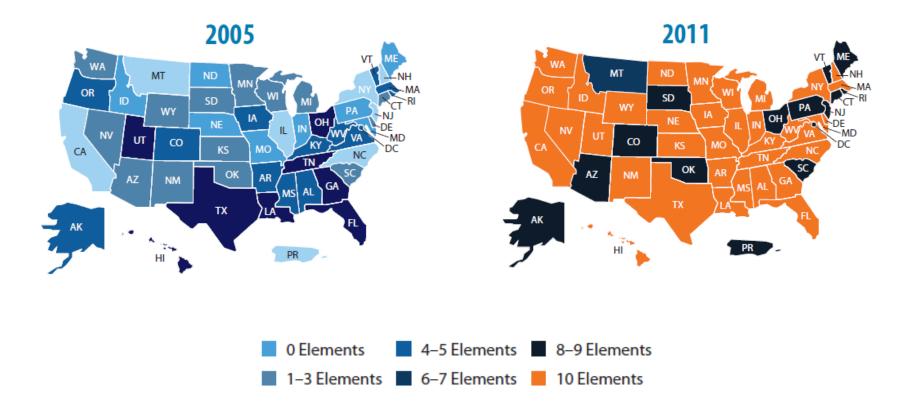




Every State Has Capacity to Empower Education Stakeholders with Data



36 states have all 10 Elements, up from zero in 2005



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Start With Your Questions!





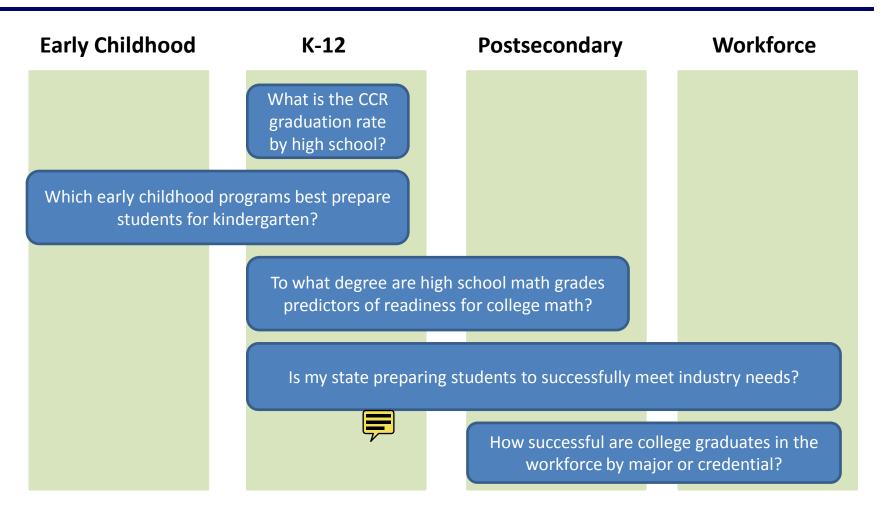


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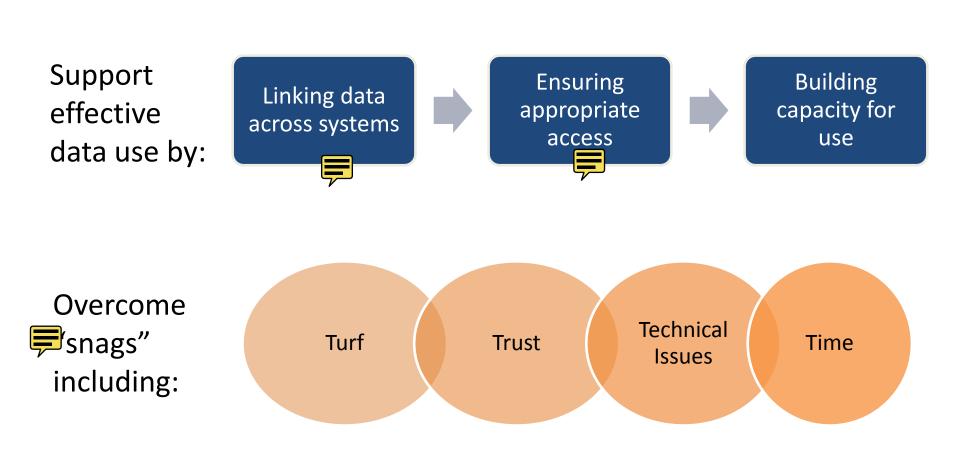
The Importance of P20/Workforce Longitudinal Data





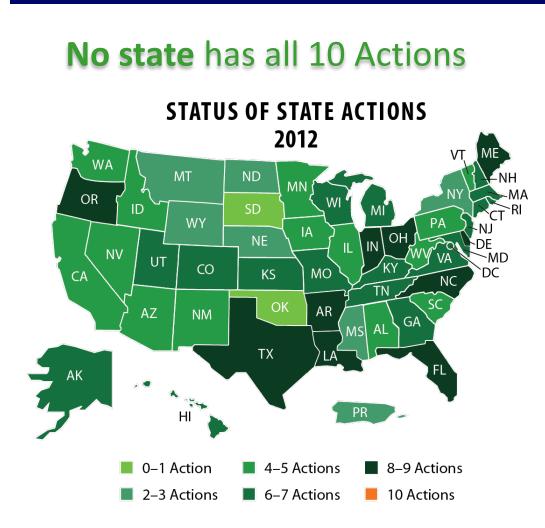


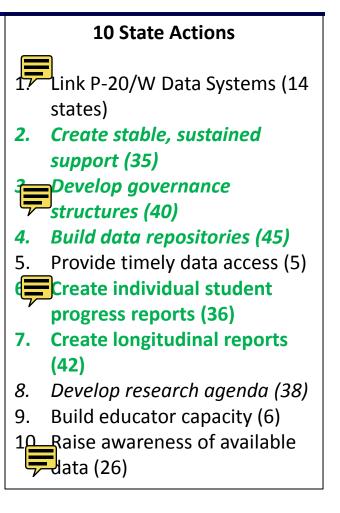




Changing Culture is *Harder* than Building Systems





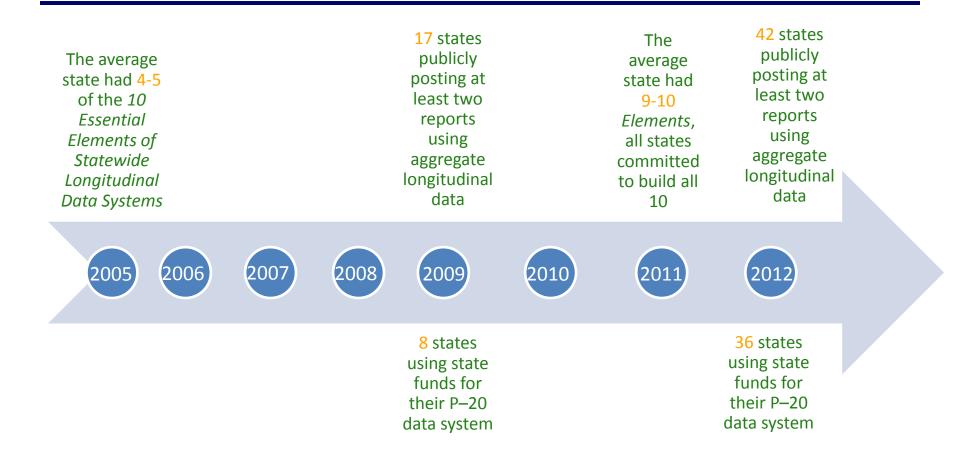


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We've Come a Long Way Baby!





Balancing Access to Information with the Need to Ensure Student Privacy



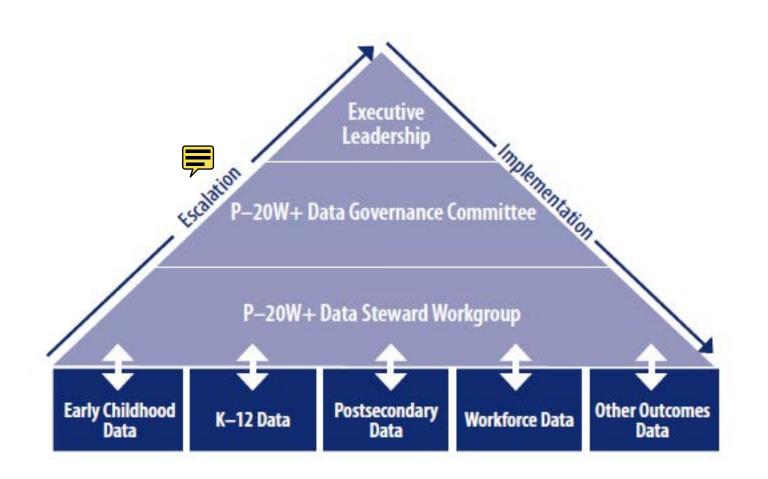
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Provide clear information on what data is collected, for what purpose, and who has access

- » Post user-friendly privacy policies on state websites
- Stablish agency and P-20 data governance structures to delineate roles and responsibilities
- » Ensure that data collection and use is led by policymakers instead of IT and mid-level agency staff

P20W Data Governance





P20W Data Governance: Recommendations for States



» Establish the right structure

Select the right people

Empower the structure with the authority to make necessary decisions and implement charges

» Ensure that the structure is sustainable, protecting the continuity of the state's vision



State Legislation Driving Data Use



- » <u>SB275</u> created MD's P20/w data governing board
- » <u>SB83</u> created the <u>Kentucky</u> Center for Education and Workforce Statistics
- » <u>HB605</u> directs IL to develop CCR report cards
- » <u>SB82</u> created cloud-based student data backpacks in UT





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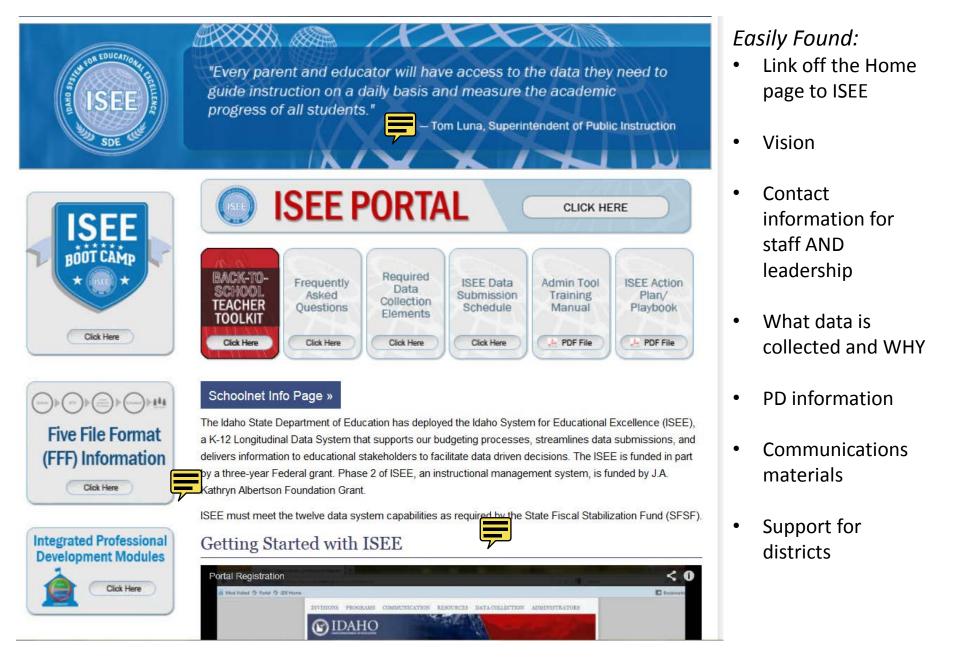
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- » Determine your role in tackling the 4 T's
- » Develop your state's policy questions
- » Ensure you state's data system is aligned to your state's policy objectives
- » Ensure data governance and privacy policies are established and implemented
- » Ensure stakeholders have actionable information and the skills to use it effectively and ethically
- » Communicate, communicate, communicate!