A NEW and PROVEN APPROACH to increasing graduation rates …

Performance Assessment and Review (PAR Advantage)

PAR Advantage is a ….

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM that is built on a fully integrated data system.

The School Improvement Program utilizes evidence-based change practices with a focus on:

1. **Turning around lowest-achieving schools,** utilizing the Turnaround model or Transformation model as defined in Race to the Top

2. **Targeted interventions for students**, especially students in high-risk categories

3. **Schoolwide interventions for teachers and schools**, with an emphasis on low performing schools

4. **Value-added assessments** designed to improve teacher effectiveness and school effectiveness based on student growth measures

5. **School turnaround specialists** assisting principals to analyze data for more effective decisions and coaching teachers to improve instruction

6. **Professional development** for all teachers, counselors, and administrators

The School Improvement Program is derived from successful data-driven models utilizing technology in new ways, including…

1. **Automated, nonintrusive, persistent data collection from school and other state and local agencies (e.g., law enforcement, mental health, social services, etc.)**

2. **Predictive analytic risk assessment using research-based risk factors from NDPC, OJJDP,** and other pertinent state or local agencies

3. **Data analyses specific to each student, school, and district**

4. **Data sharing and distribution using two-way risk management web portals**

5. **Risk management portals linked to effective strategies** and model intervention programs identified by NDPC

6. **Technical assistance** and turnaround procedures developed and provided by NDPC

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