Four Policy Priorities to Make Data Work for Students

Everyone who supports students should have the right data in the right format at the right time to make decisions so that students excel. For this vision to become a reality, data must be transformed from a tool of compliance to one that empowers people and fuels continuous improvement. This is a set of recommendations for policymakers to achieve that transformation and make data work for students.

**MEASURE WHAT MATTERS**
Be clear about what students must achieve and have the data to ensure that all students are on track to succeed.

**MAKE DATA USE POSSIBLE**
Provide teachers and leaders the flexibility, training, and support they need to answer their questions and take action.

**BE TRANSPARENT AND EARN TRUST**
Ensure that every community understands how its schools and students are doing, why data is valuable, and how it is protected and used.

**GUARANTEE ACCESS AND PROTECT PRIVACY**
Provide teachers and parents timely information on their students and make sure it is kept safe.

**DATA IN SERVICE OF LEARNING**
People—like parents and teachers—need tailored information that they can trust to ensure all students’ individual needs are met. A culture of effective data use means putting students at the center.