Turning Around Low Performing Schools

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Hard Times

🎉 Have to watch the bottom line!
National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP)
Federal SPENDING on K-12 Education under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and NAEP READING Scores (Age 9)
Have Less, Do Better?

- Had less = Poor literacy
- Had more = Poor literacy
- More or Less = Same outcomes
## Challenges

### Public Schools

- **Students**: 55 million
- **Schools**: 90,000
- **School Districts**: 18,000
- **Counties**: 3,143
- **Budget**: $ Billions

### “Bottom 20%”

- **Students**: 11,000,000
- **School Districts**: 18,000
- **Counties**: 9,000?
- **Budget**: 3,143?
Turnarounds

- 5 Years of turnaround work
  - 1% out of improvement status
  - 99% still “in improvement”

- Secretary Duncan predicts 82% of all schools will not meet AYP standards in 2011

- Solution: Change AYP Standards
What’s the Solution?

Turning Around Poor Student Education

- WHAT is the role of the SEAs and State Boards of Education?
- WHO is accountable for turnarounds?
  - How are they accountable?
- WHAT happens next door?
  - Does each State/District have to invent some form of a wheel?
- WHAT is the Federal role?
- Where do we go from here?