

GUIDELINES FOR DATA WALLS for the Data Showcase Conference

THREE ESSENTIAL PARTS OF THE DATA WALL:

1. External data, such as state and/or district-level test scores.
2. Internal data, such as school measurements involving teaching practices chosen by the school that reflect its unique needs.
3. Inferences, conclusions and next steps drawn from the data.

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED:

The district and/or school name should be prominently placed on the data wall.

Left Panel: Includes tables, charts, and graphs that illustrate student achievement for the school or district. **Please be sure to remove the names of students and teachers.** There may also be narrative comments such as “84% of our students are proficient or higher in mathematics according to the state test scores and 78% are proficient according to a district test. A review of the last three years of data show consistent progress on both state and district measurements, with particular gains in the problems-solving portion of the math assessments.”

Middle Panel: Includes tables, charts, graphs, and a brief narrative description on the strategy being implemented that impacted the student achievement outcomes.

Right Panel: Includes inferences and conclusions, such as, “Our analysis of the data suggests that multidisciplinary instruction in math and writing have both been effective strategies to improve student performance. Therefore, we have planned to expand these strategies in the following ways (provide examples of the strategies specifically applicable to the individual school). We remain very concerned about the 16% of students who are not proficient on the math portion of the state tests and have developed individualized learning plans for each of these students. In addition, we have added the following intervention strategies for all non-proficient students (include specific strategies applicable to your school).”

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please write a short paragraph describing the story behind your data wall and include contact information so that interested participants can contact you after the conference with questions, comments, etc. Please bring approximately 50 copies of this information sheet when you drop off your data wall.