

# Using data to inform middle school improvement in Virginia

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## Goals of the Workshop:

- Increase understanding of data available about schools; discuss and document ways to obtain data beyond school-level pass rates; and discuss ways that multiple data elements and types can inform school improvement plans and activities
- Better understand the challenges that middle school leaders face during improvement activities, and how leading with data has helped other schools break through these challenges
- Learn about the application of tiered intervention strategies in middle schools

## Resources:

- Data tables
- Data review worksheets
- NCRTI Screening Tools Chart
- NCII Academic Progress Monitoring Tools Chart

## Agenda:

- 8:30–8:35**      **Welcome and introduction**  
*Kathleen Smith, Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Improvement*
- 8:35–8:50**      **Introduction to REL Appalachia and roundtable overview**  
*Justin Baer, REL Appalachia, CNA*
- 8:50–9:50**      **Overview of the IES Practice Guide: What Works Clearinghouse’s *Using Student Achievement Data to Support Instructional Decision Making***  
*Ellen Mandinach, WestEd*
- 9:50–10:00**      **Break**
- 10:00–11:45**      **Working session: Exploring school data**  
*Deborah Jonas, REL Appalachia, CNA*
- 10:00–10:30: Introduction and overview  
10:30–11:00: Data review and synthesis  
11:00–11:15: Progress check-in and break  
11:15–11:45: Continue working with data

- 11:45–12:00**     **What did you learn from reviewing these data?**  
*Deborah Jonas, REL Appalachia, CNA*
- 12:00–1:00**     **Practical aspects of data use to improve student achievement in middle schools**  
*Beverly Rabil, Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Improvement*
- Includes working lunch**  
*Sponsored by VDOE's Office of School Improvement*
- 1:00–1:30**     **Opportunity to continue to build capacity to use data to support school improvement—Exploring a new REL Appalachia alliance**  
*Deborah Jonas, REL Appalachia, CNA*
- 1:30–2:30**     **Overview of tiered interventions**  
*Jenny Scala, American Institutes for Research (AIR)*
- 2:30–2:45**     **Wrap-up and completion of Stakeholder Feedback Survey**  
*Justin Baer, REL Appalachia, CNA*