

VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DATA ANALYSIS

Six Reasons to Use Data
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The purpose of this guide is to promote the discussion of different types of data and the role they play in the improvement planning process. Watch the video individually or with a team. While you watch, consider the various ways your school or district uses data.

AFTER WATCHING THE VIDEO, DISCUSS:

- How your school or district currently uses data.
- The reasons to use data and how that compares to your practices:
 - To determine where we are now
 - To determine how we got there
 - For planning
 - For evaluation
 - For prediction and prevention
 - To clean up systems
- How you can use various types of data (e.g., demographic, perceptual, student learning, and school process) to garner a truer picture of the complexities of your school in order to take action.

NOW, PUT WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED TO WORK:

- Select one (or more) of the reasons Bernhardt says to use data and check your current process in that area. Determine:
 - If you have data available
 - If it is used to guide decision making
 - Adjustments you might want to make to your processes