RESEARCH-PRACTICE PARTNERSHIPS IN EDUCATION: OUTCOMES, DYNAMICS, & OPEN QUESTIONS

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Scaling Up Effective Schools National Conference
Liz Farley-Ripple @FarleyRipple · 2h
Goldring: is #improvementscience always the way to go? Is that the role of researcher? Is there a new role to develop within sch? #scaleuped

Leandra Fernandez @leandra433 · 1h
Trad research tells what can work, #improvementscience tells how to make it work under different conditions, reliably at scale #scaleuped

Monica Bhatt @MonicaPBhatt · 2h
@bpenuel says CI and trad. res. not opps. or a continuum- it's a way to organize R&D #scaleuped

Bill Penuel @bpenuel · 2h
Go @dpeurach! Improvement is a big, complex enterprise; we are all learning and none of us knows the answer #scaleuped
Core Features of RPPs

- Focus research on problems of practice
- Long-term
- Mutualistic
- Produce original analyses
- Carefully structured and organized
The Promise of Research-Practice Partnerships

- Increased credibility of research
- Increased utility of research
- Bring new resources and expertise
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- Few investigate impact of partnership itself
  - Greater access to research, but mixed evidence about use of research in decision making
What do We Know About the Dynamics of RPPs?

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- Challenges of RPP work
  - Common language, atypical roles and responsibilities
  - Complex, multi-organizational work, with leadership turnover
  - Exist in highly politicized environments
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  • Failed partnerships?
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• Political dimensions of partnerships
Concluding Thoughts
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