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Behind these numbers are thousands of student stories. Stories of disruption, resilience, and recovery.

233,376
STUDENTS

Across Puerto Rico's seven educational regions
School Year 2025–2026

PUERTO RICO: Resilient in the Face of Adversity

Our students, educators, and schools have faced extraordinary challenges—and we responded.

UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES. LASTING IMPACT.



**HURRICANES
2017**

- Devastation to infrastructure
- Schools damaged or destroyed
- Disruption of teaching and learning
- Loss of instructional materials and technology



1,100+
Schools across the system



347,000
Students enrolled at the time



**EARTHQUAKES
2020**

- Earthquakes across the south
- Additional damage to schools
- Emotional impact on students and communities
- School inspections and disruption



14
Municipalities most affected



Systemwide school inspections and disruption



**COVID-19
2020–2021**

- School closures and remote learning
- Digital divide widened
- Learning loss and unfinished learning
- Impact on student well-being



292,518
Students enrolled at the onset of COVID-19 (2019–2020)



Significant learning disruption

FOCUSED ON RECOVERY. COMMITTED TO GROWTH. DRIVEN BY EQUITY.



**IMPROVED
STUDENT OUTCOMES**

Steady gains in achievement in Math, Reading, and Science across statewide assessments.



**INCREASED
GRADUATION RATE**

Gradual improvement in the 4-year graduation rate.
More students on the path to success.



**MORE STUDENTS
COLLEGE &
CAREER READY**

Growth in industry certifications, postsecondary enrollment, and workforce readiness.



**STRONGER SYSTEM.
STRONGER FUTURE.**

A data-informed culture that drives decisions, targets support, and improves outcomes for all students.

FROM COMPLIANCE TO CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

COMPLIANCE



Accountability asks:
Did we meet expectations?

VS

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT



Continuous Improvement asks:
What can we do better for students?

WE BUILD CAPACITY. WE STRENGTHEN OUR SYSTEM.



630

Data Teams & Data Coaches across the island



7

Regional Data Coaches providing support



1,022+

School & system leaders trained in data use



Data use is integrated across schools and regions to improve student learning.

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Data do not improve student outcomes. People who know how to use data do. 🌱

WHAT WILL YOU TAKE BACK TO YOUR SYSTEM?



Dra. Beverly Morro Vega
Chief Academic Officer
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Dra. Daisy Hernandez Gonzalez
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