

FOCUS AREA 2: HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

DATA TO SUPPORT NEED: 25% OF TEACHERS IN TEXAS ARE BEING TRAINED BY A SINGLE ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROVIDER IN A PROGRAM THAT TAKES 6 - 8 WEEKS. TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT HR DIRECTORS SAY THAT **THE QUALITY OF TEACHERS PREPARED BY A 6-8 WEEK ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IS "INSUFFICIENT"** IN MEETING THE COMPETENCIES FOR THE ROLE.

IMPACT TO SYSTEM: CURRENTLY, 71% OF TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICTS HAVE FORMAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, YET 63% SAY THEY ASPIRE TO PARTNER WITH HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS. WITH 35,200 EDUCATOR POSITIONS IN TARRANT COUNTY, COLLECTIVELY, THESE DISTRICTS ARE THE LARGEST REGIONAL EMPLOYER GIVING THEM **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING POWER TO INFLUENCE HOW SCHOOLS OF EDUCATION PREPARE THE FUTURE WORKFORCE.**

INITIATIVES

#1: RESIDENCY, APPRENTICESHIP, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION VACANCY PILOT

#2: EDUCATORS RISING (APPRENTICESHIP HOURS IN HIGH SCHOOL FOR COLLEGE CREDIT; HB8 CONNECTIONS)



IMPACTING 375,000 STUDENTS ACROSS NINE PARTICIPATING TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICTS.