EDUCATION IN THE BORDER REGION

We believe that the challenges and opportunities across the Border region demand informed civic participation, strong leadership and cross-border understanding, and collaboration. Our series of Border Briefs highlights issues and offers critical insight to drive new solutions and foster greater action for the Border region. The key takeaways below offer a glimpse into the challenges and opportunities that exist. Scan the QR code below or visit borderpartnership.org to read the full brief.

Key Takeaways:

- The United States and Mexico share millions of students, many are in the Border region. **Neither system adequately incorporates students from the other side of the boundary** and thus do not meet the educational needs of the students nor needs for skilled workers in the binational regional economy and society.
- The Border region is squandering opportunities to produce **educated bilingual workers and leaders** for the regional economy and to prepare students for higher education.
- Public school enrollment percentages of young people in Border counties and municipalities are less than the averages of Border states. **School attainment in Border counties and municipalities also lags Border state averages.** School enrollment and attainment are higher in U.S. Border counties than in Mexican Border municipalities.
- Border localities and states should invest in k-12 public schools to support a Border pedagogy, one that includes **bilingual teachers who are culturally adept** and able to mentor students from both sides of the Border.
- Although U.S. and Mexican public universities understand institutional and regional benefits of faculty and student mobility and binational research projects, **collaboration across the Border is surprisingly small and tends to be underfunded and ad hoc**. This reality limits the ability of the universities to provide graduates with transborder skill sets to shape the region's future and prosperity.



$18,000 vs. $2,000

Mexico spends about $2,000 per student annually compared to the United States' $18,000.



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