The stress of poverty overwhelms schools, but the challenges that stem from poverty are recurring and predictable. This makes it possible to design fortified teaching and learning environments to address these challenges and support each child’s cognitive, social, and emotional development. Turnaround for Children is leading a national movement to make fortified environments a pillar of education reform.

**Poverty creates a perfect storm in schools:**

- High levels of stress
- 2- to 4-year gaps in skills
- Students unready to learn
- Unprepared teachers, leaders, and staff

Schools serving a high percentage of children living in poverty are stuck in poor performance.

**INTERNATIONAL TEST RESULTS**

**LOW-POVERTY SCHOOLS**

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Despite billions invested... schools continue to struggle.

**$23.5 billion**

2014 funding for No Child Left Behind programs

**Schools must become fortified environments for teaching and learning**

where all children develop the skills necessary for academic success and career-readiness.

**In partner schools, Turnaround for Children:**

**Results:**

- **Builds**
  - a student support system
- **Trains**
  - every teacher in skills needed for high-poverty schools
- **Partners**
  - with principals to transform the culture

**In NYC partner schools with more than one year of successful implementation:**

- **SUSPENSIONS** ▼39%
- **SEVERE BEHAVIORAL INCIDENTS** ▼24%
- **CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM** ▼26%

**Join Turnaround for Children to build fortified environments that help all children succeed.**

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