Given Beginning-Of-Year data, the number of students below grade Ievel is likely to rise significantly.

Optional BOY assessments were administered from July 27, 2020 until October 16, 2020 and were designed to diagnose student understanding of the TEKS from the previous school year.

Almost 650k students from 334 school systems took the optional assessments online

The results of the study indicated **3.2 months of instructional loss**, in addition to the typical 2.5 months of summer loss



Note: Data was not used for any accountability purposes; aggregate results of the data were used in this research study Source: <u>STAAR End-of-Year and Beginning-of-Year Results</u>



The Actions We Take Now Must Be Different From What We've Done

Historically in Texas, **only 4%** of students who are below grade level catch up to grade level (over two years)



With COVID, the # of students below grade level is likely to increase dramatically

To Catch Kids Up, Schools Must Make Significant Changes

Rigorous **instructional materials** designed to make up ground, and designed to work remotely & on campus Supported teachers who are equipped to deliver excellence, getting more than 1 year of growth in 1 year More time for the students most in need, including in the summer and with targeted tutoring

Work to empower parents as a child's first teacher must be expanded



Instructional Materials must be changed to support acceleration



Two very different approaches to teaching lessons throughout the school year require very different operating practices and lead to two very different results for students