The National Institute for Latino School Leaders (NILSL) is a fellowship that empowers leaders in education to change their schools and communities by bridging the gap between practice and policy. NILSL fellows are effective and experienced leaders who want to learn more about issues and challenges in education policy today. Through the fellowship, they build their understanding of federal, state, and local issues and develop strategies to advocate on behalf of the students in their districts, with a focus on Latino students and English learners. So far, 52 fellows and six cohorts have successfully completed the program since its inception in 2011.

The Fellows

- Are mostly female (62%)
- More than 80% of fellows are people of color
- Work in 14 states and Washington, DC

The Work

- They hold these roles: Director, Executive Director, Dean, Management, Superintendent, Teacher
- More than 80% hold master’s degrees or higher

The Impact

- Around 2.5 million students and adults from school districts and community-based organizations have been impacted by the state advocacy work of NILSL fellows.
- Almost all NILSL alumni continue to advocate for their students after the fellowship by attending marches or rallies, hosting community forums and town halls, and meeting with state and local legislators.

The Reflections

- 97% Would recommend the NILSL program to a friend.
- 90% Believe NILSL had a positive impact on their career trajectory.

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