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What Have Schools Learned So Far About Effective Tutoring?

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School districts around the country have rolled out tutoring programs at a feverish pace with the help of federal relief funds, intent on helping struggling students get back on track academically after the disruption caused when the COVID-19 pandemic shut down schools.

It's one thing to know what makes a successful tutoring program, and quite another to actually manage one.

So says the Center for Education Market Dynamics, a nonprofit that provides information to school district leaders about products and services and that recently released a collection of case studies on tutoring programs.

Lora Kaiser, the organization's executive director, says the lessons shared in the report by district leaders are meant to provide insight at a time when the need — and funding — for high-dosage tutoring are both exceptionally high.

Educators know that high-dosage tutoring needs to happen under the right circumstances to be effective, she says, but not every district has those just-right conditions.