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Bill Horwath



Managing Partner



Bill Horwath provides K12 education strategy and policy consulting support to various local, state and national clients, and has led a number of projects related to teacher preparation and teacher leadership across Texas. As a Broad Resident, he worked as an assistant superintendent in human resources for Boston Public Schools and the Houston Independent School District.

Bill also worked as a consultant to state departments of education while at Deloitte Consulting. Through his work in school district human capital, and as a consultant, he is committed to identifying and

implementing new strategies to raise the bar of educator quality and increase educator diversity.

Bill earned a BA in Public Policy from Duke University and an MBA and MPP both from the University of Chicago and has completed the Broad Residency in Urban Education. He lives in Houston with his wife and two daughters.

Before joining Education First as a Senior Consultant, Rachel worked as a classroom teacher, as a district professional learning designer and as a senior leader at the Bank Street Education Center, the organization that provided citywide coaching support for the rollout of the NYC DOE's UPK program in 2014.

Her past projects have included leading strategic planning for Newark Public Schools' PreK Through Grade 3 Transition Committee, coaching Irving ISD on the adoption of high-quality K-2 ELA curricula and advising the Heising-Simons Foundation on how philanthropy can best support equitable implementation of statewide UPK in California.

Rachel holds an AB in American History and Literature from Harvard University and an MAT in Secondary English Education from Brown University.

Rachel Bello



Senior Consultant



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Aline Matias



Consultant



As a first-generation student, Aline understands how a quality education leads to quality opportunities, and strives to ensure that all students have access to this and more. Before joining Education First, Aline was a bilingual early childhood educator with Teach for America Dallas-Fort Worth; assisted early childhood educators and English language learners as a Fulbright Grantee in Spain; and conducted research and analysis on House Bill 4.

Her recent work has facilitated the implementation and utilization of high-quality instructional materials within various districts across Texas through TEA's Resilient Schools Support Program (RSSP) initiative.

Aline received a BA in Political Science and Communications from American University, holds a Master of Education from Southern Methodist University and resides in Dallas.



ABOUT EDUCATION FIRST

Education First is a mission-driven strategy and policy organization dedicated to helping clients navigate through complexity to create more people-focused, equitable and inclusive initiatives, strategies and organizations.

With extensive experience working with key systems-level actors across Texas to advance research and policy around critical education issues, Education First is primed to engage our diverse set of participants in collaborative dialogue surrounding the summit's two key topics: designing an equitable and robust mixed-delivery pre-k system, and supporting a strong early educator workforce.



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