



# *Using Research to Support District Initiatives*

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# San Diego Unified — Profile

- 132,000 students at:
  - 180 district-run schools
  - 44 independent charter schools
- Approximately 30% English language learners
- 67% eligible for free or reduced-price meals
- 6 organizational “areas” with 2 – 3 high school clusters

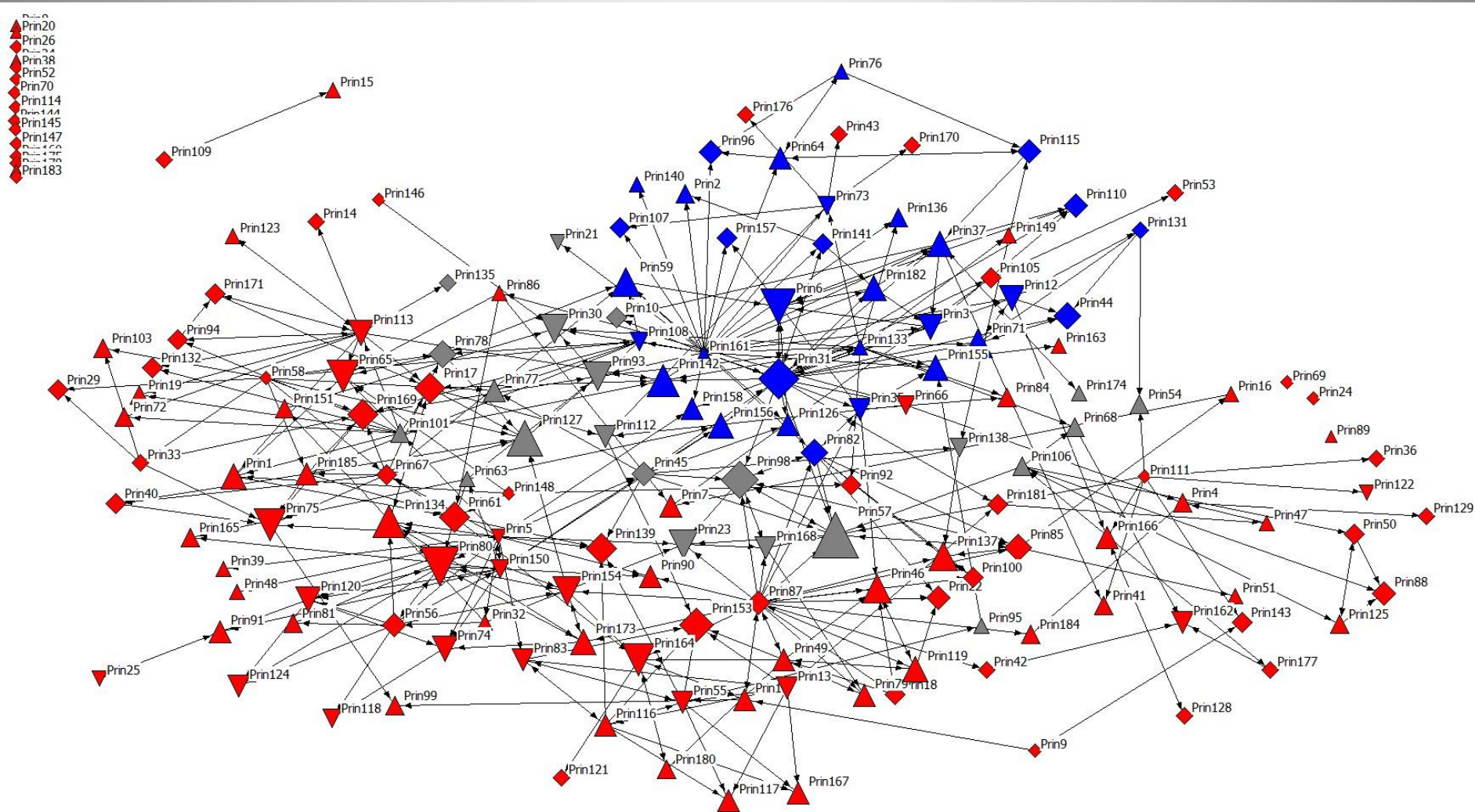


# Research Informs Reform

- Community–Based School Reform
  - change to P – 12 Cluster model
- New, more rigorous graduation requirements in conjunction with adoption of Common Core State Standards
- Strategic Process with 12 Indicators of a Quality School in Every Neighborhood

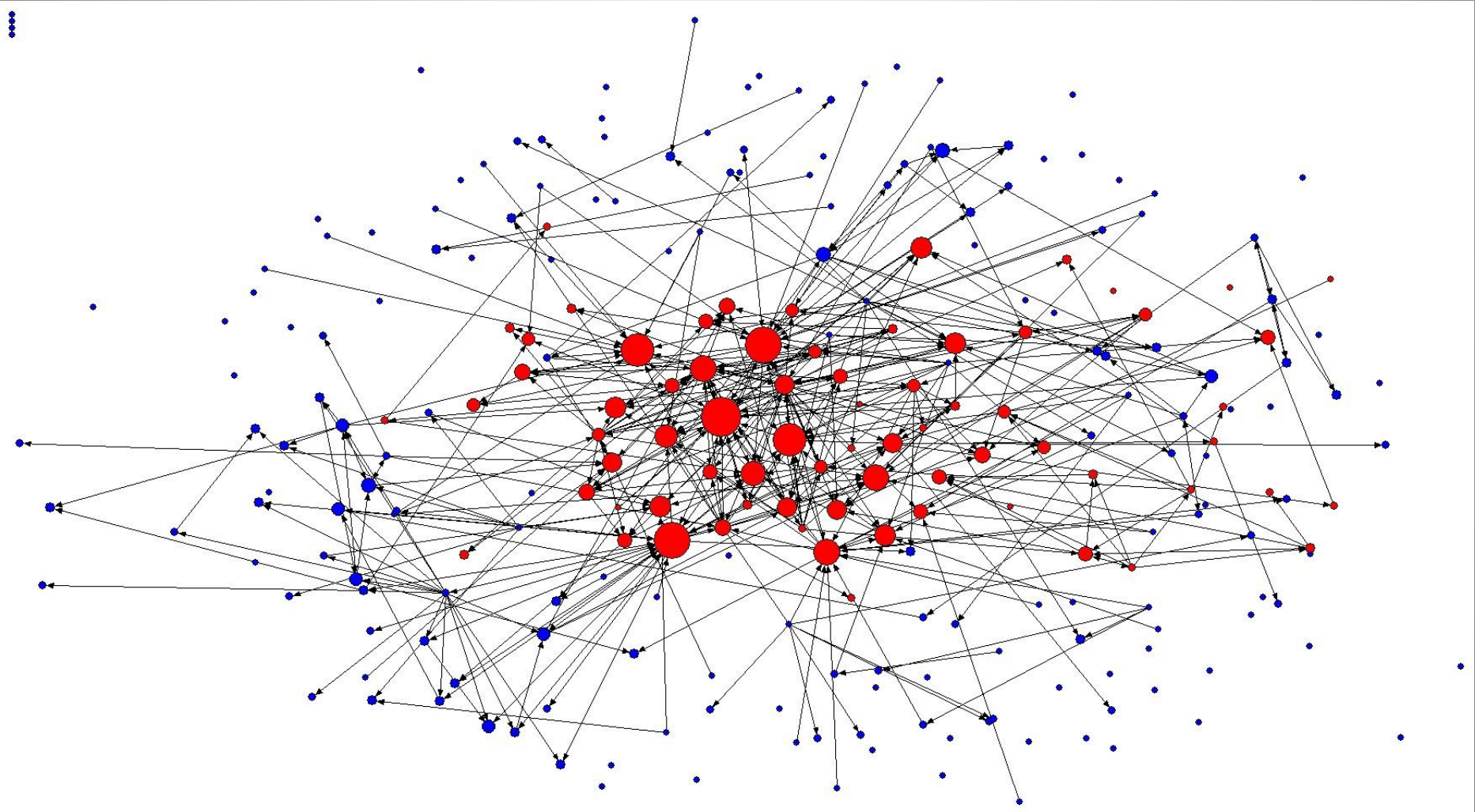


# School Expertise





# Data Use: Where do you look for help?





# Research Partnership

- Partnership with University of California, San Diego (UCSD)
- SanDERA (San Diego Education Research Alliance) formalized in 2010 after 10-year relationship
- Fills gap created by loss of staff resulting from budget reductions



# SanDERA

- Identifies high-priority issues on which to focus research
- Formalizes a research agenda with clear links to the district's mission, goals, and strategic plan
- Makes its research agenda public and shares progress and findings
- Informs wider audiences by publishing and presenting
- Collaborates with other districts and research entities