

EDUCATION IN BRAZIL: SUCCESS STORIES FROM PERNAMBUCO AND SÃO PAULO

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The low performance levels of Brazil's public schools are well-known. Less understood are the varied efforts in several states and municipalities to overcome these difficulties—the product of a groundswell of concern about educational failure and its implications for the future.

The São Paulo-based Fernand Braudel Institute of World Economy has gained valuable experience in dealing with problems of public education and has pioneered research on school management. With its "reading circles" initiative, which promotes weekly reading and discussion of classic literature with adolescents at 30 public schools in peripheral communities, the Institute has strengthened partnerships with school officials and attracted dedicated teachers to extend greater educational programming to children in underserved areas.