

## Team PA is guided by the belief that Pennsylvania can be better.

Our government can be more effective and efficient, our communities can be fertile grounds for business growth, and our children can be provided the best educational opportunities available. Public/private partnerships hold the keys to accomplishing these goals.

Team Pennsylvania Foundation's work is defined by three areas that we believe are the building blocks of a healthy and vibrant economy:

- Business growth with a strong emphasis on international and high-growth firms.
- · Education and workforce development
- Government efficiency

There is no better economic policy than one that produces more graduates with the skills they need to succeed.

Team Pennsylvania's goal is to enhance student achievement in every classroom and for every student with the purpose of ensuring that all of our children graduate prepared to succeed in college, the workforce and life.

While Pennsylvania has made some progress, we know that more needs to be done. Team PA believes we need to accelerate student achievement rapidly so that all Pennsylvania students have the opportunities they deserve.

Team PA is working to build innovation and effectiveness in education and is engaged in a series of strategic efforts to improve teaching and learning throughout the Commonwealth.

## A couple of our recent projects...

## Ensuring all students can reach high standards

PA, through Team Pennsylvania Foundation, has been awarded a half-million dollar grant by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to engage teachers to put the common core standards into action by focusing on advancing teachers' understanding of how to develop college-ready students. This grant is being implemented statewide through the intermediate units and involves over 450 teachers and over 9,000 students.

## Teacher/Principal Evaluation System

Team PA is piloting a new teacher and principal evaluation system with the guidance of a diverse teacher/principal steering committee. The data and feedback gathered during the current semester will inform recommendations in a report to be released in the fall 2011.

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