



Pennsylvania Commission on Education & Economic Competitiveness

Pennsylvania needs to redesign its education system

The Pennsylvania Commission on Education & Economic Competitiveness (CEEC) will bring together stakeholders from education, business, labor, and government to create a shared long-term vision to redesign Pennsylvania's education system.

Our current system doesn't meet the needs of PA's workforce

The urgency to reshape our education system into one that meets Pennsylvania's workforce needs is significant.

- Pennsylvania's population is aging, and our workforce is heavily dependent on economic sectors that are currently in danger of job losses due to automation.
- Pennsylvanians must be ready and able to fill the jobs of the future, not the past.

Pennsylvania's education system is antiquated and struggling to meet students' needs.

- Fixing this will require a more resilient, adaptable, and future-ready approach.
- To meet the challenges of an interconnected global economic landscape, Pennsylvania must build a world-class education system to produce a highly skilled workforce.

The Commission will create a long-term plan to align our education system with job demands

The diverse members of the CEEC will work together to:

- Create a shared, bipartisan vision for 21st century education that will prepare all students to compete in a globalized economy,
- Establish policies to give all school districts the support and flexibility they need to build world-class education systems,
- Recommend a legislative action plan to achieve these shared goals.



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Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretary of Education• Secretary of Labor & Industry• The Chairs & Minority Chairs of the Education Committees in the Senate & House• The Chairs & Minority Chairs of the Labor & Industry Committees in the Senate & House	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 Legislators from each of the 4 caucuses to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore & Speaker of the House, in consultation with their respective Majority & Minority Leaders
Subcommittee	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. PA School Boards Association2. PA State Education Association3. PA Chapter of the American Federation of Teachers4. PA Association of School Business Officials5. PA Association of School Administrators6. PA Principals Association7. PA Association of Intermediate Units8. PA Association of Colleges & Teacher Educators9. PA Association of Rural & Small Schools10. PA Coalition of Public Charter Schools11. The African American Charter School Coalition12. PA Catholic Conference13. PA Association of Career & Technical Administrators14. PA Association of Independent Schools15. The State System of Higher Education16. The PA Commission for Community Colleges	<ol style="list-style-type: none">17. The Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of PA18. Penn State University19. University of Pitt20. Temple University21. Lincoln University22. Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology23. PA College of Technology24. PA Chamber25. PA American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organizations26. PA Manufacturers' Association27. National Federation of Independent Business PA28. PA Farm Bureau29. Hospital & Healthsystem Association of PA30. Service Employees International Union PA State Council31. ARC of PA32. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People PA State Conference33. Spanish American Civic Association34. The State Librarian
Timeline & Final Report <i>The Commission will work for 18 months to produce a report on its findings & legislative recommendations to address the following areas of focus:</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Early childhood education & necessary supports.2. An aligned instructional system spanning early childhood through higher ed.3. Education environments & infrastructure conducive for each student to learn.4. Equitable access to education & resources to accommodate students with unique needs.5. A holistic approach to education that prepares students for life after graduation.6. Professional work environments for educators, support staff, & school employees.7. Creation of a leadership development system for K-12 schools.8. Recruitment & attainment of high-performing educators.9. Community partnerships in the education system.10. Meeting PA's employment needs.11. Creation of a system that effectively re-tools displaced workers.12. Addressing the impact of PA's changing demographics.13. Effective governance & accountability.	