



**GEORGIA PARTNERSHIP**  
**FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**

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**Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education Awarded**  
**For Encouraging Use of Data to Improve Student Achievement**

Data Quality Campaign's 'Advocacy Organization of the Year' Award

ATLANTA -- The Data Quality Campaign (DQC), a national, non-profit organization leading the effort to bring every part of the education community together to empower educators, parents, and policymakers with quality information to make decisions that ensure students achieve their best, has named the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education its Advocacy Organization of the Year Award winner. The award recognizes outstanding work by a national or state-based nonprofit organization in promoting effective data use in the service of students.

“DQC values the incredible work the Georgia Partnership done, bringing together a wide range of community partners to ensure the state’s student data policies were reasonable, sustainable, and in the service of students,” said Aimee Rogstad Guidera, president and CEO of the Data Quality Campaign. The organization’s annual Flashlight Awards recognize education visionaries, leaders, and trailblazers who are championing the power of safe and effective data use to support families and educators in their efforts to improve student achievement.

Georgia **worked tirelessly** to create an education data system that transforms how thousands of district leaders, educators, and parents across the state access and use data to make the best decisions for students. All of this was in jeopardy when Georgia Senate Bill 167 was introduced in January 2014.

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## GEORGIA PARTNERSHIP AWARD 2-2-2

By engaging with community leaders and building a broad base of support for the value of data to improve student success, the Georgia Partnership defeated Georgia Senate Bill 167. It then helped to develop and pass a new **law** that protects student privacy and promotes the use of data to improve student achievement.

“The bill was defeated; our data system preserved,” said Steve Dolinger, president of the Georgia Partnership. “Our efforts saved the momentum that our organization and others have worked so tirelessly for. Georgia students are now being offered an education that will ensure their competitiveness on state, national and global stages.”

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### *About Georgia Partnership:*

*Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit working tirelessly to be Georgia’s foremost change agent in K-12 public education. The Georgia Partnership often takes lead roles in efforts to shape policy and reform education but gladly partners with other groups or organizations taking lead roles in a variety of efforts.*  
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### *About DQC:*

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