The Power of the Partnership – Partnering with Us

The Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization that works diligently to improve student achievement and workforce development in Georgia.

Over the last 28 years, the Partnership has built a solid reputation as a trusted, nonpartisan voice capable of bringing diverse, key stakeholders to the table – policymakers, media, educators, business, philanthropic and community leaders, advocates, and parents. The Partnership’s work - impacting all 1.7 million public school students in our state - is undertaken to make Georgia a top-performing state where all children have the same access to a high-quality education and an equitable opportunity to graduate from high school, college and/or career ready, while providing Georgia with a well-educated, skilled, and prepared workforce.

Partnering with us allows partners to engage Georgia’s business, education, and government leaders in strengthening our power to improve student achievement.

Highlights of our diligent work – award winning publications and programs, viewed as valued resources by our numerous stakeholders, include:

### Top Ten Issues to Watch

The Partnership’s *Top Ten Issues to Watch* publication is an award winning annual report highlighting and providing recommendations on critical educational issues in Georgia. The report, based on thorough and non-partisan research, is widely disseminated to inform and influence policy, business, community, and advocacy leaders to make sound decisions.

Approximately 3,000 copies are distributed annually to a wide cross-section of education stakeholders throughout the state with hundreds more readers being reached through digital downloads.

The report is presented annually in the joint Georgia House Education Committee and Georgia Senate Education & Youth Committee meeting; has been featured on Georgia Public Broadcasting’s Lawmakers program, “Georgia Focus,” a Georgia News Network public affairs radio show broadcast on more than 130 stations statewide; the Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives newsletter, in *James* magazine, and used as curriculum material in Georgia colleges of education.

*What our stakeholders say…*

“The Georgia Partnership does an extraordinary job of “making the case” with each of the ten areas… The Top Ten Issues to Watch is a fantastic study guide for educators—from the classroom to the board room. I am grateful for your work! Rest assured, over the next few weeks, we will be pulling apart the publication to digest its contents as we work to push each of the framework levers to drive educational improvements in the Newton County School System.”

-Samantha Fuhrey, 2020 Georgia School Superintendent of the Year, Newton County School System

### EdQuest Georgia

Launched in 2017

EdQuest Georgia is a framework designed to help stakeholders understand Georgia’s system of education and to provide a concept of how the parts and pieces of the system fit together and reinforce each other.

Based in best-practice research, EdQuest highlights seven core policy areas that are common across high-performing states and countries. The baseline report examines where Georgia is strong and should continue the great work being done, as well as opportunities that need to be addressed to move the state forward.

*What our stakeholders say…*

“EdQuest Georgia is the most comprehensive education policy framework I’ve seen in my education career. It is readable and logical and thereby provides a template for reflection and growth. EdQuest is the reference for public education in Georgia.”

– Jimmy Stokes, EdD, Executive Director (retired), Georgia Association of Educational Leaders
The Georgia Partnership established regional initiatives in the form of Rural Learning Networks (RLNs) to disseminate and amplify best practices in addressing issues concerning educational attainment, post-secondary completion, and workforce development, especially in Georgia’s hardest to reach communities. These networks engage local leaders from education, business and the community to help build local capacity and partnerships to address opportunities and challenges, especially in rural Georgia.

This work seeks to provide a shared-learning network for community leaders to learn from each other and raise awareness of best-practice work already happening across the state of Georgia.