The University Consortium to Improve Public School Finance and Promote Economic Growth

Temple’s Center on Regional Politics (CORP), Penn State’s College of Education, the University of Pittsburgh’s Center for Metropolitan Studies and the Pennsylvania Policy Forum have formed a consortium to support state legislators and policymakers in a review of options for improving public school finance. With the support of Temple University and the William Penn Foundation, the consortium is conducting symposiums for legislators, education policymakers and advocates, and civic and business leaders. Consortium members also are publishing research, identifying and analyzing school finance issues, and meeting with state officials and legislators to discuss options and ideas to improve public school finance.

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The Pennsylvania Policy Forum and Its Members

The Pennsylvania Policy Forum is a group of faculty members, policy researchers, and academic leaders from public and private colleges and universities who share an interest in generating ideas, analyses, and symposiums that might prove useful to citizens, elected officials, and civic leaders in addressing major issues confronting the Commonwealth and its local governments. Working with the Pennsylvania General Assembly, the Policy Forum has organized symposiums on institutional issues for all Senate and House members and an information session for newly elected members.

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