



Minnesota's Future: World-Class Schools, World-Class Jobs

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The Minnesota Business Partnership and the Itasca Project released our “Minnesota’s Future Report” in February 2009. The report, produced by McKinsey and Company, addressed two key questions:

- How does Minnesota’s education system compare with the best in the world?
- What can we learn from them to deliver better education to students in Minnesota?

Following release of the report, the Partnership, Itasca, the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and the Bush Foundation formed a leadership team¹ to define and follow through on action steps in the following areas:

TRANSFORM TEACHER TRAINING

Lynn Casey, chair and CEO, Padilla Spear Beardsley
Peter Hutchinson, president, Bush Foundation

- The Bush Foundation selected 14 universities in Minnesota and the Dakotas for a 10-year, \$40 million effort to transform teachers recruitment, training, placement and assessment.²

RECRUIT TOP TEACHING TALENT FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES TO HIGH-NEED SUBJECTS AND AREAS

Dick Pettingill, retired president and CEO, Allina Hospitals and Clinics

- Teach for America and the New Teacher Project have provisional authorization to operate in Minnesota through the State Board of Teaching and are expected to again seek legislative authorization in 2010.
- TFA has raised \$2.7 million in Minnesota. In the fall of 2009, TFA began a three-year project to bring 120 new teachers to Minneapolis and Brooklyn Park school districts and charter schools.

PROVIDE TOP-QUALITY PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

John Stanoch, Qwest Minnesota president
Chip Emery, retired chairman and CEO, MTS Systems

- Minnesota Principals Academy: 1) Recruited 10 requested mentors for the autumn 2009 cohort; 2) Members provided speakers for all identified dates.
 - The Academy is seeking 10 additional mentors for the spring 2010 cohort.
- Minnesota Academy for Charter & Alternative School Leaders: 1) Recruited all requested mentors; 2) Members are providing facilities and speakers for all requested dates.

USE DATA TO DRIVE PERFORMANCE

Bruce Nicholson, retired chairman, president and CEO, Thrivent Financial

- Our focus shifted from helping the Minnesota Department of Education develop one component of a comprehensive, student-based data system to supporting the state's application for federal grants, including Race to the Top grant, which would allow completion of Minnesota's data system.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tom Tiller, retired CEO, Polaris Industries

- Met in June and December 2009 with representatives from 15 foundations³ to present our report, discuss our work plan and begin to discuss the potential for better coordinating our efforts and leveraging our resources to increase our collective impact.
- Initially, we are collecting information on where these organizations invest in education to support the Minnesota's Race to the Top grant application. Additional data collection and analysis is being considered.

¹ Leadership Team:

Tom Tiller Retired CEO Polaris Industries	Peter Hutchinson President Bush Foundation	Dick Pettingill Retired President & CEO Allina Hospitals and Clinics
Lynn Casey Chair and CEO Padilla Spear Beardsley	Bruce Nicholson Retired Chairman, President & CEO Thrivent Financial	John Stanoch Minnesota President Qwest Communications
Chip Emery Retired Chair & CEO, MTS Systems	David Olson President Minnesota Chamber of Commerce	Charlie Weaver Executive Director Minnesota Business Partnership

² **Bush Foundation partners:** Augsburg College*; Bethel University*; Concordia University, St. Paul*; Hamline University*; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University Moorhead**; North Dakota State University**; St. Catherine University*; St. Cloud State University; University of St. Thomas*; University of South Dakota; University of Minnesota**; Valley City State University**; and Winona State University.

* As part of the *Twin Cities Teacher Collaborative*

**As part of the *North Dakota and Minnesota Partnership*

³ **Foundations currently interested in the Minnesota's Future Initiative:** 3M, Bush, Cargill, Carlson Family, Friends of Ascension, General Mills, George Family, Minneapolis Foundation, Qwest Communications, St. Paul Foundation, Target, Travelers, US Bancorp, Wallin Education Partners and Wells Fargo Bank.

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