WHO WE ARE

We are a group of Florida funders and education organizations who believe that excellent classroom instruction and content can move the needle for all students. Our collective projects focus on supporting leaders, teachers and students with the knowledge and tools they need so each and every Florida student, regardless of their race or circumstance, receives an education that equips them for future success.

WHAT WE DO

1. Find and elevate champions of our public school system who commit to addressing critical needs of students and educators.

2. Serve as a conduit for funders, stakeholders and advocates to equip schools and districts with the resources necessary to transform student learning.

3. Identify and share best practices and materials to close the academic achievement gap in Florida.
WHY IT MATTERS

The Florida Standards have immeasurable capacity to empower educators to shift their practice and deliver rigorous content to all students, providing more equitable learning environments across our state. However, school systems, leaders and educators are still not equipped with professional learning, instructional materials and monitoring systems to ensure every student is engaging deeply with content that will prepare them for future success.

As recently as 2015*

- Only 7 percent of Florida classrooms in an observed sampling showed evidence of the instructional changes required by the Standards.
- Only 40 percent of assignments showed strong alignment to the Standards.
- But 70 percent of leaders and 72 percent of teachers believed they were prepared to shift their instruction to the Standards.

We’ve seen positive signs that a sustained focus on excellent instruction, coupled with targeted support, can lead to more of our students experiencing success. However, too many students are not yet engaged in the kind of teaching and learning that could help close the opportunity and learning gaps that stand in the way of realizing a high-quality education for all Florida students.

CREATING THE CONDITIONS FOR GREAT TEACHING

- A clear and focused vision of excellent, Standards-aligned instruction
- Standards-aligned/high-quality instructional materials
- More effective professional development
- Leaders who know how to support educators
- The effective use of data for targeted support

Funders, advocates and community leaders are essential to realizing this vision for effective teaching in Florida. Our commitment is to ensure these stakeholders are empowered with the knowledge and opportunities to champion and support this work.

THE IMPACT

- Florida districts have come together in networks to improve the quality of teaching and learning
- Funders are engaging in new ways with districts around strategic priorities
- Education advocates are rallying together to provide catalytic supports for rigorous classrooms

THE OPPORTUNITY

Want to learn more about how we are working in your area, and our efforts to support teachers and leaders across the state? Together, we can build the FUTURE our students deserve.

Sources: * TNTP Data