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Better Teacher Evaluations 'Will Produce Better Teachers,' Says Union Leader

Pennsylvania's effort to improve teacher effectiveness through the use of better teacher evaluations is getting positive reviews from educators in Bucks County's Quakertown Community School District.

The district is among more than 100 education entities across the commonwealth taking part in a Pennsylvania Department of Education pilot program to create a more robust, meaningful evaluation system – one that can help educators and students reach their full potential in the classroom.

A Quakertown teachers' union official said teachers he has heard from are lauding the pilot program for providing a "clear picture of what they do and a clear picture if they have to defend what they do." The union leader said the new evaluation process takes more time and effort, but the extra work is proving worthwhile.

"In the end, I think it will produce better teachers," he said.

Information and feedback from PDE's pilot program will be used to develop a more robust evaluation system for the state. The goal is to create a high-quality evaluation system that gives educators the support and feedback needed to improve, much the same way those educators provide constructive feedback and support to struggling students.

The bottom line: PDE's pilot program will help teachers and students perform better in the classroom, and that success benefits all of us.

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