

# MAKING THE GRADE



EFFECTIVE TEACHING IN  
EVERY CLASSROOM

## With New Teacher Evaluation Law on the Books, Let the Building Begin

When Gov. Tom Corbett unveiled his proposed budget for fiscal 2013-14 earlier this week, he showed his commitment to putting Pennsylvania's improved teacher evaluations into practice.

The governor's spending plan includes \$6.6 million in state and federal funds to help put into place the new teacher evaluation system he signed into law last year. Most of the funding – about \$3.9 million – will be used to create and implement the teacher evaluation tools, with the remaining \$2.7 million going toward the development of tools to better evaluate school principals and education specialists. In all, a small price to pay to ensure our children benefit from effective educators.

This school year, about 1,050 public schools (including some charters) and intermediate units are piloting the teacher evaluation tool, with plans to use the new evaluation system statewide starting in the 2013-14 school year. The principal and education specialist evaluation tools are being piloted in 845 schools this year, with statewide implementation set for the 2014-15 school year.

Once fully implemented, the system will give all educators the constructive feedback, support and targeted resources they need to improve. Classroom teachers will be able to reach their full potential to be effective educators and further fuel student achievement.

The ultimate goal: An effective teacher in every Pennsylvania public school classroom helping to educate every student on a daily basis.

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