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New Research Supports Pennsylvania's Approach to Better Teacher Evaluations

Last summer, Pennsylvania took a significant step toward improving teacher effectiveness by enacting a new, more robust educator evaluation system that uses multiple measures to determine the strengths and weaknesses of classroom teachers.

This week, a new study found evaluations systems like Pennsylvania's are the right way to go toward improving the performance of teachers and students alike.

The study, [*Ensuring Fair & Reliable Measures of Effective Teaching*](#), is based on three years of research involving about 3,000 teachers across the country, including some in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. Calling teaching "too complex for any single measure of performance to capture it accurately," the study supports the concept of using multiple measures to gauge teacher effectiveness.

"Identifying great teachers requires multiple measures," the study finds.

Fortunately, that's exactly what Pennsylvania's new teacher evaluation system does. Unlike previous evaluation methods, which often relied on a single classroom observation, the new evaluations will continue to include classroom observation but also add multiple measures of student achievement to account for half of a teacher's evaluation.

Certainly, there's more work to be done as the new teacher evaluation system is implemented in the 2013-14 school year, but it's clear Pennsylvania is headed in the right direction.

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