

Dear Learning Coaches,

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has released their new school evaluation tool, the Future Ready PA Index, for public review. This new evaluation system will be replacing the state's previous School Performance Profile public report. We shared information about the Future Ready PA Index during our 11/7 evening information session.

Pennsylvanians expressed a need for a more holistic tool for evaluating schools. In 2015, Governor Wolf charged the Department of Education with developing a new school measurement tool that would include a broader set of meaningful indicators. Over three years, leaders from the Department of Education met with thousands of educators, parents, advocates, policymakers, and business leaders from across Pennsylvania to determine what that new tool should look like. The Future Ready PA Index recognizes that students – and the schools that serve them – are more than just standardized test scores. It features a collection of indicators that illustrate academic proficiency, on-track progress, and college and career readiness – helping to demonstrate how schools are doing in preparing students for postsecondary success.

The Future Ready PA Index's dashboard allows for a more comprehensive look at how Pennsylvania schools are educating ALL students. In addition to proficiency, the dashboard illustrates growth, achievement, and other data by student group - including economically disadvantaged students, English Learners, students receiving special education services, and racial and ethnic groups - improving transparency around student performance. The Future Ready dashboard is easy to navigate - searchable by district, school, career and technical center, or location; and it includes basic information and demographic data for each school. The Future Ready PA Index also features helpful filters and options to compare multiple schools.

As the 2017-2018 school year was the first year that Insight Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School was open the Future Ready PA index data for ISPA is limited in scope. You will note that many indicators are marked as "IS" or "Insufficient Sample", or are showing as gray rather than blue, green, or red - meaning that there was not enough data present to provide a rating on that indicator. In addition, ISPA does not yet have school level growth goals established since there was no school level data on file prior to the 2017-2018 school year. Additional data gathered from the current school year will be used to create individual school level growth goals, and the Future Ready PA Index release next year will present a more holistic picture of ISPA's performance.

Learning Coaches, and the general public are able to access the data for Insight Pennsylvania and that of other districts and schools across the state via [www.futurereadypa.org](http://www.futurereadypa.org).

To learn more about the Future Ready PA Index please visit <https://www.education.pa.gov/Pages/Future-Ready-PA.aspx>.

Thank you!

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