



Empowering Effective Teachers

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Acronyms

Every industry has their own codes, initials, and shorthand. Here are some definitions to help you get familiar with common ones.

BMGF = Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

EET = Empowering Effective Teachers

HCPS = Hillsborough County Public Schools

HEF = Hillsborough Education Foundation

MET = Measures of Effective Teachers

RTT = Race to the Top

Value Added =
The enhancement that students achieve (to knowledge, skills abilities and other attributes) as a result of their teachers' extra efforts; also the extra resources provided to teachers to add to their students' learning experience.

Dear Bill,

This is certainly an interesting time for education in Florida. The work in Hillsborough continues, but much is likely to happen on a statewide basis that will impact us all. You've probably heard of some of the recommendations to Gov. Scott from his Education Transition Team. If you want to read the actual report, [you can get it here](#).

Next week all Florida superintendents and their union leaders have been invited to a summit funded by the Gates Foundation in Tampa. The purpose is to discuss how to forge strong collaborative relationships which will be critical to implementing areas in the Race to the Top. Hillsborough has been an example of a productive relationship and we hope some of the strategies which are employed locally will help other counties.

[Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#)

Have you had a chance to read their annual report? It covers a lot of ground, but of course the local work is included. Find a link to their most recent [annual report here](#).

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Here are recent articles and media hits around developments in teacher effectiveness and related topics:

Don't pick D.C.-type schools fight here: Scott's celebrity education adviser has wrong approach.

The Palm Beach Post

Opinion

What can Michelle Rhee bring to Florida besides confrontation? Confrontation can be necessary. When Dr. Rhee took over as of 2

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chancellor of Washington, D.C.'s, notoriously awful public school system, she needed to confront the teachers union, complacent administrators and uninvolved parents. But Florida's schools aren't like those Dr. Rhee took over in 2007. In fact, judging by the measures that Jeb Bush initiated and the Legislature and Gov. Crist perpetuated, Florida's school system has become one of the nation's best. [Read more ...](#)

Hillsborough conference brings school districts and unions together.

St. Pete Times

Come up with a plan. That's what Gov. Rick Scott has told teachers to do. Find a way to measure your own performance - and make it real - or the Legislature will do it for you. Next week, school district representatives from across Florida will come to Hillsborough County and talk about ways to do just that. [Read the article ...](#)

Next Meeting - Save the Date

The next Community Engagement Group is scheduled for for **Monday, February 14, 2011 at Noon**. It will be at our offices: 2306 North Howard Avenue, Tampa 33607.

[Click here](#) to RSVP to Valerie by Thursday, February 10.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Sincerely,



Bill Hoffman
Hillsborough Education Foundation

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