



Learning 2025
**LEARNER-CENTERED
FUTURE-DRIVEN
EDUCATION**

Impact through the Western Pennsylvania Alliance

The AASA Learning 2025 Western Pennsylvania Alliance is transforming the educational landscape in their region. Through collaboration among 34 public school districts, they are sharing resources and creating opportunities at the local level to drive innovation. Leveraging the resources of their communities, foundations, business partners, and AASA – The School Superintendents Association, the districts are at the forefront of what’s next in public education.

We invite you to learn more about the innovative work of these public schools representing more than 110,000 students. The Alliance serves as a nationally recognized model of an innovation hub that drives change at the local level and is inspiring the formation of other learning networks across the country.

In recent years, public education has undergone transformative changes driven by technological advancements, the evolution of job markets, and global events. These shifts, from the rise of online learning environments to a greater focus on skill-oriented curricula and global collaboration, promise a brighter future for students worldwide. However, they also present challenges.

Many educational institutions lack the resources to adapt swiftly, whether it is training teachers in new methodologies, supporting the mental health and well-being of students, or redesigning curriculums for what’s next. To ensure that every student benefits from these advancements, we seek your financial support.

By investing in our initiative, you’re not just funding change – you’re shaping the future of education.

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REGION**

**34
PUBLIC
SCHOOL
DISTRICTS**

**110,000+
STUDENTS**

**SKILL-
ORIENTED
CURRICULA**

**GLOBAL
COLLABORATION**



EXECUTIVE INSIGHTS: REMAKE LEARNING ON IGNITING EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS ACROSS THE REGION

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BUSINESS TIMES

How the AASA Learning 2025 Western Pennsylvania Alliance — in partnership with Remake Learning — is bringing families, community organizations and innovative school districts together to create a new learning landscape.

When it comes to learning, you could say some kids in Western Pennsylvania have never had it better.

And you'd be right, thanks to a dedicated alliance of 34 local school districts working to explore new, life-changing learning experiences for children. Together, these programs have put a national spotlight on the Pittsburgh region as a model of successful public-private education partnership — one that leans heavily on the collective efforts of educators, parents, neighborhood groups and businesses.

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REACHING FOR THE SKY

What would it be like to work as a drone pilot? In May of this year, a group of 20 high schoolers in the Pittsburgh region began a training program to do just that.

Fly Like a Girl (FLAG) Drone Academy was created by three educators — Dr. Janeen Peretin, director of communication, innovation and advancement at Baldwin-Whitehall, Emily Sanders, assistant superintendent at Beaver Area and Dr. Kristin Deichler, assistant superintendent at South Fayette — who applied jointly for the Moonshot Grant.

They used that grant funding to purchase professional-grade drones and build a training program that could prepare high school students to take the Federal Aviation Administration's drone pilots exam. Students from Baldwin-Whitehall, Beaver and South Fayette applied to join, as did several students from Ambridge and McKeesport.



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These 34 districts are showing the world what school could be. Together, they're providing a path for every learner to discover their passions, pursue their dreams, and become the best of whoever they are.”

Gregg Behr,
executive director,
The Grable Foundation

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Student Wellbeing

Allegheny Valley School District focuses on student wellness for better academic success by introducing social-emotional learning lessons and a wellness center.

Chartiers Valley School District collaborates with Allegheny Health Network for The Chill Project to address stress.

Fox Chapel Area School District emphasizes the importance of technology and emotional well-being in education and applies these concepts to the school culture and student support systems.

Northgate School District partners with Orchard View Stables to integrate horses in addressing student emotional needs.

California Area School District utilizes therapy animals to improve learning culture and student well-being, witnessing positive changes in social and emotional development.

Teacher Engagement

Brownsville Area School District prioritizes learning over traditional metrics, revamping early literacy methods with the science of reading and creating student report cards that reflect student growth.

New Castle Area School District incorporates human-centered design in the curriculum to ensure innovative teaching practices like project-based learning and STEAM in core subject areas.

Purchase Line School District emphasizes project-based learning in alignment with future careers by providing opportunities through students in career pathways.

South Allegheny School District introduces the Modern Teacher program for tailored professional development for its teachers.

Portrait of a Learner

School districts like **Butler, Clairton City, Hampton Township, and New Brighton Area** develop their "Portrait of a Graduate" to redefine and enhance educational strategies.

At the same time, **Deer Lakes School District** formulates a "Portrait of a Graduate" as a vision for modern education, with community input at its core.

Student & Family Engagement

Seneca Valley School District engages students in extra-curricular activities through the FIRST® LEGO® League robotics clubs across all six of their elementary schools.

Greater Latrobe School District engages students in real-world projects with a student-run business that produces personalized goods.

Baldwin-Whitehall School District launched an Esports program for grades 7-12.

Crawford Central School District aims for more robust two-way communication with parents.

Hollidaysburg Area School District empowers students with more say in their learning, leading to increased engagement from library makerspaces, flipped classrooms, and externships to expanded AP courses.

Career Exploration & Workforce Development

Duquesne City School District, Avonworth, Elizabeth Forward, and South Fayette work together to collaborate and offer the World of Work framework for early career exploration.

Cornell School District designs a mandatory career readiness course with local employers and offers pathways in computer science, clean energy, healthcare, public policy, and the trades.

Jefferson-Morgan School District partners with local businesses to connect students to careers through paid internships.

Keystone Oaks School District transforms its tech program with a partnership with Robert Morris University, preparing students for STEM careers.

Learning Environments

Franklin Regional School District is updating instructional spaces to support collaboration and problem-solving with flexible spaces.

Frazier School District integrates "chill corners" and outdoor spaces for improved learning and stress reduction.

Shaler Area School District transitions to a learner-centered environment, partnering with various stakeholders, including teachers, counselors, families, community members, and futurists, to reimagine learning spaces.

To access additional information about these specific initiatives, visit remakelearning.org/news_and_media/tugboats-lighthouses



AASA

AASA, The School Superintendents Association, is the premier association for school system leaders and serves as the national voice for public education and district leadership on Capitol Hill. A professional community of more than 10,000 educational leaders, AASA and its members are committed to providing high-quality public education to all students.

AASA develops and supports school system leaders through the national exchange of ideas; access to professional learning, publications, and resources; and opportunities to champion initiatives to help transform the future of public education.

AASA Learning 2025 Western Pennsylvania Alliance

The AASA Learning 2025 Western Pennsylvania Alliance is a cohort of 34 school districts working to prepare Pittsburgh-area students for tomorrow.

Co-led by Pittsburgh-area superintendents and AASA, the School Superintendents Association, the Alliance provides workshops, expert speakers, networking, and professional development services tailored to each school district's unique goals. Together, these 34 districts are reimagining education and showing the world what school could be.

Learning 2025 Network

The Learning 2025 Network is inspired by the groundbreaking report from the AASA Learning 2025 National Commission, aiming to turn the bold vision of a future-driven, learner-centered education into a reality. The Learner-Centered Future-Driven Education Network is an initiative by AASA, The School Superintendents Association, aimed at transforming public education to be more student-centered, future-driven, equitable and inclusive.

The Grable Foundation

The Grable Foundation is guided by its mission to help children and youth become independent, caring, contributing members of society by supporting programs critical to children's successful development. With a focus on southwestern Pennsylvania, the Foundation seeks nonprofit partners who share its commitment to making Greater Pittsburgh the best place in the world to be — and to raise — a child.

Remake Learning

Remake Learning is a free, peer network for educators and innovators in the greater Pittsburgh region. The network helps connect people, projects, and organizations, making it easier for them to share best practices, collaborate on new ideas, and find funding to catalyze new ways of learning. In 2022, Remake Learning celebrated its 15th anniversary celebrating growth and mentorship for building ecosystems of learning across the region, country, and world. Learn more at remakelearning.org.



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