PENNSYLVANIA'S
Essential Practices for Schools and their Communities
Evidence-based practices for sustained improvement in teaching and learning

Culture of high expectations for success
Collective vision for teaching and learning
Empowered staff
Needs-based organization and allocation of resources
Continuous monitoring of school improvement plan implementation

Empower Leadership

Foster Quality Professional Learning
Professional learning responsive to teacher and student needs
Multiple professional learning designs
Evaluating the impact of professional learning

Focus on Continuous Improvement of Instruction
Aligned curriculum, instruction and assessment
Collaborative instructional planning
Variety of assessments to monitor student learning
Identify and address individual student learning needs
Frequent, timely feedback and support on instructional practices

Every Student Succeeds

Provide Student-Centered Supports
Positive school environment where all members feel welcomed, supported, and safe
Schoolwide positive behavior interventions and supports
Multi-tiered system of supports for academics and behavior
Family engagement to support learning
Partnerships with local businesses, community organizations, and other agencies

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