Education Affinity Group

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The Education Affinity Group (EAG) is a peer-networking and collaborating group of funders consisting of:

- Foundation Leaders
- Corporate Leaders
- Philanthropists
- Community Foundations
- Educational Organizations & Programs
- Communities & Stakeholders

Our focus is collaborative philanthropy that advances West Virginia's educational system and strives to ensure that investments are connected to local priorities that create measurable impact.

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GOAL:

Improve West Virginia's measurable educational outcomes, beginning with early childhood literacy and extending through postsecondary support, and **preparing students** to become members of a **strong workforce**.

FOCUS:

Collaborating with partner programs that **guide students** in early education through post-secondary graduation, specifically by:

- Closing the reading achievement gap by third grade
- Improving secondary degree attainment levels

PARTNERSHIPS:

- **West Virginia Campaign for Grade-Level Reading**:
  This campaign is focused on ensuring that students are reading at grade-level by third-grade to grow competent, college and career-ready adults.
- **West Virginia's CLIMB**:
  This is a collaborative effort to equip 60% of West Virginians with a post-secondary certificate or degree by 2030 to land the good, high-paying jobs that will continue to drive our state's economic recovery.

ONE IN SIX CHILDREN who are not reading proficiently in third grade **DO NOT GRADUATE** from high school **ON TIME**

68%

of West Virginia 4th grade students **SCORED BELOW** the National Assessment of Educational Progress (**NAEP**) proficient level for reading in 2019

LESS THAN ONE-THIRD of West Virginians hold an **ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR HIGHER**

60%

of **WORKING-AGED** West Virginians will need a **CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE** in order to **MEET FUTURE WORKFORCE DEMANDS**