

# Why Strong Public Schools Matter to Everyone



*Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.*

— Marian Wright Edelman

**Whether you have children in the School District of Philadelphia or not, we all benefit from good public schools. Here's how:**



## **Workforce Development and Economic Growth**

By educating all children – economically disadvantaged children, affluent children, children with disabilities and children who show great academic promise – strong K-12 public education helps build the local and regional workforce needed to attract and retain businesses that spur economic growth.



## **Reducing Poverty**

Education is the best opportunity to break the cycle of poverty that plagues many areas of our Philadelphia community. Research supports that a high school diploma is an economic stimulus. People who graduate from high school earn more and spend more, contributing to individual prosperity and Philadelphia's economic growth.



## **Better Housing Values**

For many people, their home is their largest financial asset. Strong public schools can positively impact housing values.

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