How can philanthropy improve civic learning?

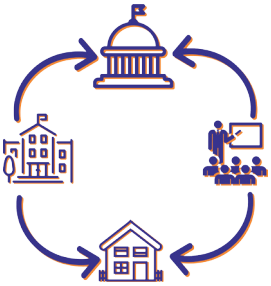
Philanthropy can play a unique and powerful role as a community convener. Foundations and funders who know their communities well can bring schools, nonprofits, businesses, policymakers, and others together to develop a comprehensive action plan to strengthen and increase civic learning. This kind of community collaboration has happened in Illinois and Florida, which can be looked to as models.

Support states and school districts in implementing the 6 proven practices of civic learning

Philanthropy can support state-wide policy interventions, teacher professional development, and comprehensive assessments of civic learning curriculums. By allocating resources according to need, proven practices can be part of every student's civic learning.

Support innovations in civic learning

Technology continues to shape engagement in our democratic processes. Philanthropy can help by funding technology in classrooms for students to take part in simulations, teacher professional development in media literacy, and professional development for teachers and principals on how to create a school climate that sustains and supports civic learning.



Support collection of data for improvement

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A variety of programs exist in both schools and communities to support civic learning, and are in need of philanthropic support as well. For more information on these programs, please see this list of programs from the 2017 Democracy at a Crossroads Summit: **http://bit.ly/2ghrlQy**, and this list of National Action Civics Members: **http://bit.ly/2ylzKnG**

Philanthropy is uniquely positioned to help create the robust and equitable civic learning landscape that would position our nation's young people to become engaged citizens. PACE stands ready to support funders in restoring and strengthening opportunities for civic education and learning so all young people can be prepared for meaningful and sustained participation in our democracy.