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Classroom Quick Tips and

# Pennsylvania Educator Workforce Strategy

"The prosperous future of Pennsylvania—from healthy young children and families to a thriving economy to vibrant and civically engaged neighborhoods and communities—depends on a healthy and robust educator workforce. Educators encompass a wide range of professions, such as early childhood



professionals, teachers, school and district leaders, and other school support staff professionals (e.g., school counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, mental health professionals, speech pathologists, health professionals, school librarians, and others).

Our educator workforce not only represents a critical sector of the commonwealth's economy, but educators also play a doubly important role in preparing young learners to participate in and lead our communities, our governments, our businesses, and our families in the future.

It is therefore appropriate that the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) establish August 2025 as a key date by which we plan to achieve many of the ambitious goals laid out in the <u>Pennsylvania Educator Workforce Strategy</u>."

#### Resources

## Standards-Aligned System (SAS)

Remember to check out SAS, the new design and content, developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. SAS is a free comprehensive, researched-based resource for educators. You will find so many valuable resources!





#### Activities for the Beginning of School

- 1. Paper Snowballs
- 2. <u>Student Surveys</u>
- 3. <u>Scavenger Hunts</u>
- 4. Start the Year Right
- 5. Cup Challenge

- 6. Beach Ball Game
- 7. <u>Class Time Capsule</u>
- 8. <u>Time Capsule</u>
- 9. Tallest Cup Tower

#### Ideas for Back to School Night

- 1. Plan your Back to School Night.
- 2. <u>Prepare an agenda and a simple power point presentation</u>.
- 3. Set up a series of stations.
- 4. Provide a back-to-school-night checklist.
- 5. Create teacher contact info magnets.
- 6. Share free reading tip brochures.
- 7. Provide a parent resource board.
- 8. Create a scavenger hunt.

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