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### **Donors' Group Awards \$835,000 to Help Reform NYC Public Schools**

**New York, March 16**—The Donors' Education Collaborative in The New York Community Trust, a group of funders committed to making the City's public schools work for all its children, announced a new round of grants for systematic improvement of teaching effectiveness and college/career readiness. The following grants are all for one year.

- **\$60,000 to Advocates for Children** to ensure that the needs of students with disabilities and English language learners are addressed in the New York State teacher evaluation system.
- **\$150,000 to Alliance for Quality Education** to increase effective parent, student, and community advocacy for proven reforms in the lowest-performing public schools.
- **\$150,000 to The New School, Center for New York City Affairs** to develop and test alternative measures for assessing school performance and encouraging practices linked to improving readiness for college.
- **\$150,000 to NYC Coalition for Educational Justice** for a citywide campaign to advocate reforms proven to increase teaching effectiveness, such as redesigning the school day and year.
- **\$150,000 to National Economic and Social Rights Initiative** for student and teacher advocacy to eliminate harsh disciplinary policies and substitute approaches proven to foster school environments conducive to effective teaching and learning.
- **\$150,000 to New York Immigration Coalition** to advocate for more effective coordination of academic and English language learning and to promote collaboration between teachers and immigrant parents.
- **\$25,000 to Urban Youth Collaborative** to develop a student-led campaign to advocate curriculum reform that will increase college readiness.

#### **About the Donors Education Collaborative**

The Donors' Education Collaborative was created in 1995 by a group of foundations to promote systemic public school reform in New York City. The Collaborative has raised more than \$14 million to support partnerships of education, community, and civic groups working to reform policies and practices. Currently chaired by Atlantic Philanthropies and managed by The New York Community Trust, it also comprises the following funders: Robert Sterling Clark, Booth Ferris, Deutsche Bank Americas, Ford, Sidney E. Frank, Bernard F. and Alva B. Gimbel, Charles

Evans Hughes Memorial, and Trinity Wall Street foundations, and the Schott Foundation for Public Education.

**About The New York Community Trust**

Since 1924, The New York Community Trust has been the community foundation of the New York metropolitan area, an aggregate of 2,000 funds created by charitable individuals, families, and corporations to improve the quality of life for all the area's residents. Grants made from these funds meet the changing needs of children, youth, and families; aid in community development; improve the environment; promote health; assist people with special needs; and support education, arts, and human rights. In 2010, The Trust made grants of \$142 million from assets of \$1.9 billion. [More about The Trust.>>](#)

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