
Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) – Welcome

**Class of 2016-17
Opening Retreat
September 15-16, 2016**

EPFP Goals

- ❑ **Deeper and broader understanding of the policy process and key aspects of education policy**
- ❑ **Enhanced communication and decision-making skills**
- ❑ **Increased capacity for leadership**
- ❑ **Expanded network of professional colleagues**

EPFP Sponsor

- ❑ **The Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC)**
 - State sponsor – 18th year of EPFP
 - Coordinates monthly seminars and collaborates with IEL
 - Supports leadership network activities
- ❑ **With support from Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL)**
 - National sponsor – 52 years of EPFP
 - Coordinates national meeting in Washington
 - 14 EPFP state sites – 250+ Fellows - 7,000+ alumni

EPFP Coordinators

Ron Cowell

Mattie Robinson

Your Commitment to the EPFP and each other

- **Full participation in monthly seminars & Day in Capitol (HBG)**
 - ❑ No more than two absences
 - ❑ Sign-in Sheets
 - ❑ Avoid habitual late arrival/early departure
- **Full participation in the Regional Leadership Forum and the Washington Policy Seminar**
 - ❑ Must attend at least one – preferably both
- **Share your experience with others**
- **Engage in discussions and team projects**

EPLC's Commitment to You

- ❑ **High-quality seminars**
- ❑ **Exposure to key policymakers, influencers, and accomplished practitioners**
- ❑ **Opportunity to think and reflect on current issues and emerging issues and how to influence policy**
- ❑ **A policy project to enable you to express your ideas for improving the system and exercise leadership**

2016-17 Monthly Seminars

- **Resources on EPFP web page**
- **Session Materials**
 - Agendas
 - Speakers' bios
 - Some background readings
- **Will send some updates via e-mail**

2016-17 Group Policy Project

- ❑ **Focused on state policy questions**
 - See suggested topics

- ❑ **Form teams of 5 to 7 members in October**
 - Select topic you want to explore and e-mail preferences in October

- ❑ **Develop a proposed state policy initiative requiring a change in status quo**
 - Presentations delivered at session on May 12

 - Present to state policymakers - Day at the Capitol on May 23

2016-17 Regional and National Meetings

- **Regional Leadership Forum, Gettysburg and U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, October 6-7**
 - Focus on leadership skills and leader behavior
 - Fellows from DC, MA, MI, NY, OH, PA
 - Suggest reading The Killer Angels, by Michael Shaara, before going to Gettysburg, and other readings e-mailed to you
- **National Washington Policy Seminar, April 23-26, 2017**
 - Focus on national policy issues, players, processes
 - Fellows from PA and 15 other sites
- **Both provide opportunities for in-state and cross-state interaction**