

Research shows that great teaching is the most important school-based factor in improving student achievement. To support and foster effective teaching, Tennessee is in the first year of implementing a new teacher evaluation system. Critical to the success of the evaluation is a clear opportunity for input from educators and education stakeholders to inform potential improvements.

To support this implementation work, SCORE has been asked by Governor Bill Haslam to lead an independent statewide listening and feedback process on the evaluation. The process will gather feedback and input from a wide range of voices, particularly from educators. SCORE will gather feedback on challenges and concerns, identify what is working well, and report back to the state Board of Education and Department of Education on June 1.



From February through May 2012, SCORE will gather feedback four ways:

- *Regional Roundtables* – SCORE will convene eight regional roundtable discussions open to the public; roundtables will include educators, parents, community and business leaders, local board members, and state board representatives
- *Online Survey* – SCORE will launch an online survey to gather feedback on current teacher evaluation practices and policies (open to teachers, principals, and evaluators on March 1)
- *Discussions with existing groups and networks* - SCORE will gather feedback from existing groups and experts, e.g., Superintendent, principal, and supervisor study councils, as well as leaders and educators from each of the four evaluation models
- *Educator Work Team* - SCORE will convene a representative group of teachers and principals from across the state to provide ongoing feedback

SCORE’s work supplements additional feedback work conducted by the Tennessee Department of Education and TN CRED. For technical assistance or information about the TEAM evaluation model, visit <http://team-tn.org/>. For more information on TN CRED’s work to assess Tennessee’s teacher evaluations, visit <http://www.tnconsortium.org/>.

*The following organizations have partnered with SCORE to gather feedback from educators and community leaders across Tennessee:*

