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## **Stark Education Partnership: Advocate, Broker, Convener, Educator, Researcher**

The Stark Education Partnership is a nonprofit education reform organization that collaborates with educators, businesses, civic leaders, and the community. In February, Dr. Teresa Purses, the Partnership's new President, updated the Sisters of Charity Foundation Board on recent efforts to create and respond to opportunities that improve education at all levels, from cradle to career.

Dr. Purses discussed the Partnership's role as an advocate, broker, convener, educator and researcher. The Partnership maintains an invaluable perspective on educational progress in Stark County. It relies on close collaboration with schools and business and philanthropic leaders to convene, engage, and leverage resources.



Dr. Teresa Purses

Recent work includes the Partnership's evaluation of SPARK implementation at sites receiving state Race to the Top funds. The Partnership has also assessed progress during each year that the Olweus

Anti-Bullying Program has been implemented in Stark County schools. This program, implemented through a partnership started by the Foundation, has been highly successful in 44 public and parochial schools. The Partnership's latest report stated that in the program's third year, there has been significant positive change that has even influenced a cultural shift in the community at large.

To learn more, sign up for the Stark Education Partnership's weekly updates at [www.edpartner.org](http://www.edpartner.org). As one of our Board members stated, if you want good news every week about all the amazing things that are happening educationally in Stark County, there's no better source.

## GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

Our new online system has streamlined the grant application process. To learn more please [click here](#).

### Responsive 2016 letter of inquiry due dates:

- February 1, May 2, August 1, November 1

### Good Samaritan 2016 letter of inquiry due dates:

- May 2, November 1

## GRANT APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Learn about the Foundation's history, mission, grantmaking process, and the new online grant application system at the next grant application process workshop:

**Tuesday, April 5, 2016 (9:00 - 10:30 a.m.)**

400 Market Avenue North  
First Floor Conference Room  
Canton, Ohio 44702

To register please contact: *Trudy Brown, Office Assistant*  
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