About the Teacher Policy Advisory Board:
In fall 2020, Teach Plus will launch a Teacher Policy Advisory Board in Pennsylvania. This highly selective leadership opportunity is for 8-10 outstanding PA teachers looking to deepen their knowledge of education policy and amplify the voices of teacher leaders in PA. Advisory Board members, who will receive a $1,000 stipend for their commitment, will expand their influence without leaving the classroom through guided work, including:

- An October 2020 virtual Fellowship Kick-Off + monthly virtual learning sessions through spring 2021
- Training through expert-led modules on topics such as Storytelling for Impact, Policy 101, Advocacy & Organizing, Evidence-Based Policymaking, Testifying and Meeting with Decision Makers, and Op-Ed Writing/Talking with the Media
- Direct engagement with key stakeholders and policymakers
- Pursuit of a policy research or advocacy project that addresses a pressing state-level policy issue

2020-21 Policy Focus Areas

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<td>Working at the state and federal level to ensure adequate funding for education in the midst of a recession and looming state budget crisis; ensuring that all new education funding is allocated using an equitable formula ensuring it reaches the students that need it most.</td>
<td>Working with policymakers and institutions of higher education to develop teacher pipelines that increase the diversity of the educator workforce in PA; advocating for policies that eliminate barriers to entering and staying in the profession.</td>
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Qualifications:

- Be a current teacher in a PA public or charter school with at least five full years of teaching experience
- Have a track record of success teaching students in Pennsylvania
- Be ready to dedicate your time and passion to learning about policy and advocating on behalf of changes that impact students
- Be available to attend the Kickoff in early October 2020 and 8-10 monthly evening sessions

Note: Teach Plus will recruit the Advisory Board intentionally to reflect the geographic and demographic diversity of Pennsylvania. We are particularly interested in recruiting outstanding teachers from the following districts: Allentown City SD, Bensalem Township SD, Cheltenham SD, Erie City SD, Harrisburg City SD, Lancaster SD, Norristown Area SD, Philadelphia SD, Pittsburgh SD, Reading SD, Scranton SD, Westmoreland County (multiple districts), Wilkes Barre Area SD, and York City SD, although teachers from other districts are also welcome to apply.

Interested in being considered for the Teacher Policy Advisory Board? Submit your name at bit.ly/TeachPlusPA or email Teach Plus PA Executive Director Laura Boyce at lboyce@teachplus.org.
About Teach Plus:
The mission of Teach Plus is to empower excellent, experienced, and diverse teachers to take leadership over key policy and practice issues that advance equity, opportunity, and student success. Since 2009, Teach Plus has selected, trained, and empowered more than 2,700 expert teacher leaders in 12 states to be agents of change in the policy arena and in their schools. Our fellows have driven over 25 significant changes to state and local policies around equitable education funding, teacher preparation, recruitment and retention of teachers of color, early childhood education, and other student equity issues. Teach Plus teacher leaders have:

- Met with President Barack Obama in the Oval Office
- Shaped state plans across the U.S. for the Every Student Succeeds Act
- Joined U.S. Secretaries of Education as part of the U.S. Department of Education’s official delegation to the International Summit on the Teaching Profession
- Been published or featured in Education Week, the Associated Press, major local news publications, and have appeared on National Public Radio and local and national and local television outlets

Teach Plus’ work is driven by our belief that all students should have the opportunity to achieve their potential in an education system defined by its commitment to equity, its responsiveness to individual needs, and its ability to prepare students for postsecondary success. Teach Plus Teacher Leaders are informed, prepared, persuasive, and independent. They achieve change in the classroom and in the education system—and mobilize others in their school, district, state, and across the nation to bring change to scale.

Teach Plus Leadership:
Teach Plus is led by President and CEO Roberto Rodríguez, who has dedicated his career to advancing equity, access, and excellence in education. From 2009 to 2017, he developed and led President Obama’s education initiatives to build systemic change and improve opportunity and outcomes across the educational continuum.

Laura Boyce serves as the Teach Plus Pennsylvania Executive Director and will lead the Teacher Policy Advisory Board. She has led Teach Plus PA since its founding in 2017, including launching the region’s first project, an instructional practice program with the School District of Philadelphia. Prior to coming to Teach Plus, Laura was a high school teacher in Philadelphia and a principal in Camden, NJ. She has taught in or led schools serving every grade level in both district and charter turnaround settings, and holds degrees in public policy and education policy from Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania.

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