

# Testimonials

## Harvard School of Education

“In recent years, we’ve witnessed the emergence of a growing number of rigorous, high-quality national models that demonstrate what career and technical education can achieve in the 21st century. Take Project Lead The Way...this approach is clearly engaging students. Some 80 percent of those who complete the program say they will study engineering, technology or computer science in college, and their retention rate in these courses is higher than that of students who did not complete PLTW.” <sup>1</sup>

## Dennis Parker, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, North America

“PLTW has the best STEM curriculum for schools in the world. We have examined what other countries have to offer and there is none better. PLTW would not be a partner with Toyota if its curriculum was anything less.”

National Academy of Engineering, National Academy of Sciences, and the Institute of Medicine

“The National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Sciences, and the Institute of Medicine recognized PLTW in a 2005 report, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm: Engaging and Employing America for a Brighter Economic Future*, as a model for its recommendation of creating “K-12 curriculum materials based on world-class standards.”

## Former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

Former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton introduced PLTW to her fellow Senators in a 2005 letter in which she described PLTW as a “promising program that is both changing the lives of middle and high school students nationwide and helping to build a workforce that meets the needs of the 21st century.”

## Congressman Paul D. Tonko (NY)

“Project Lead The Way is truly living up to its name ... offering untold opportunities to so many students to enter into the exploration of science and technology careers...If we’re going to win this global race, we need to enter it with investments in human infrastructure, capital infrastructure, and physical infrastructure, and the way to begin with that is to really introduce it into the learning curve. I wish I had programs like this when I was in high school.”

## Aerospace Industries Association and National Defense Industry Association

The premier trade associations representing the nation’s major aerospace and defense manufacturers officially endorsed PLTW in 2006.

## Bayer Corporation

PLTW was named a K-12 Best Practice Program by Bayer Corporation’s Making Science Make Sense initiative in its “Planting the Seeds for a Diverse U.S. STEM Pipeline: A Compendium of Best Practice K-12 STEM Education Programs”, which was updated in 2010.

1. [http://www.gse.harvard.edu/news\\_events/features/2011/Pathways\\_to\\_Prosperty\\_Feb2011.pdf](http://www.gse.harvard.edu/news_events/features/2011/Pathways_to_Prosperty_Feb2011.pdf)

2. [http://www.southcolonieschools.org/CCHS/Stories10-11/CCHS\\_tonkotourPLTW.cfm](http://www.southcolonieschools.org/CCHS/Stories10-11/CCHS_tonkotourPLTW.cfm)