

NBC's "Education Nation" Summit Features Success for All As a Turnaround Model With Demonstrated Results

Annual Education Showcase Highlights SFA School in Steubenville, Ohio

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Success for All is one of ten success stories featured in this year's NBC News "Education Nation," a highly anticipated annual summit that showcases critical issues in our nation's schools. This year's event highlights case studies of schools and programs that have produced impressive and lasting results for students and their communities.

"While there are huge challenges facing the American education system, there are countless examples around the country of solutions—successful programs that are getting results," said NBC News President Steve Capus. "One of our goals this year at 'Education Nation' is to shine a bright light on some of those success stories to help communities around the country replicate those successes."

For one of its featured case studies, NBC visited Wells Academy in Steubenville, Ohio, which began partnering with Success for All twelve years ago to meet the needs of low-income students struggling to make progress in school. Wells Academy, where more than half of students are from economically disadvantaged families, has been on a steady upward trend since then, and last year was Ohio's top-scoring elementary school. Encouraged by Wells' example, four other Steubenville schools became Success for All partners.

"Steubenville City Schools was frustrated at the cycle of spending Title I dollars on different program models for a year or two and dropping them and starting something new," said Melinda Young, Director of Programs, Steubenville City Schools. "Success for All has provided the district a comprehensive research-based reading and math program. This program has been used by the school district since 2000 with great results. Our elementary schools constantly score in the top 10 percent of schools in Ohio."

"We are very proud of Wells Academy and the staff's belief in the potential of all students to succeed and its commitment to a vision to make that happen," said Robert Slavin, chairman of the Success for All Foundation. "We are grateful that they chose Success for All and have trusted us as their partner on this important journey."

Success for All and the results in Steubenville are being featured today at 11:35 a.m. EDT as part of a session with U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan on turning around struggling schools. The complete Success for All case study and "toolkit," including information on how to replicate success in other schools, is available [here](http://www.educationnation.com/casestudies/wells/) (http://www.educationnation.com/casestudies/wells/). Education Nation events will be livestreamed [here](http://www.educationnation.com/summit2012) (www.educationnation.com/summit2012).

Success for All is a whole-school reform approach launched as a nonprofit initiative more than twenty-five years ago by Slavin and Nancy Madden, the president of the Success for All Foundation. Success for All draws on extensive evidence about how to improve student learning in all schools, particularly those in impoverished communities. Its outcomes have been validated in dozens of rigorous, mostly third-party evaluations throughout the U.S.

Today, Success for All works with 23,000 teachers in about 1,000 Title I schools nationwide. Success for All's comprehensive and collaborative approach addresses all the barriers to student success. Its powerful instruction focuses on improving reading—the gateway to academic success. It uses a cooperative-learning approach, extensive professional development for leaders and teachers, schoolwide interventions to ensure children are in school and ready to learn, and strategies to involve parents and the community in student success. In recent years, the program has added embedded multimedia elements to enrich lessons, add motivation, and model learning strategies.

In 2009, the Success for All Foundation received a \$50 million [Investing in Innovation grant](#) to scale up its program to 1,000 additional schools. Steubenville is a partner in this effort, along with districts throughout the U.S.