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Teachers inspire students and, with their unions, are advocating for reforms to strengthen public schools.

And, now, the American Federation of Teachers has created the AFT Innovation Fund to promote exciting reform ideas by providing the resources necessary to make them a reality.

Through the AFT Innovation Fund, we are public school entrepreneurs—trying new approaches, taking some risks, looking for promising ventures—all to improve student learning.

We congratulate the 2009 AFT Innovation Fund grantees:

**ABC Federation of Teachers**—to build on its successful partnership with the district, moving collaboration and decision-making to the schoolhouse for 10 high-needs schools.

**Broward Teachers Union**—to develop a new compensation plan for education professionals based on multiple measures of student learning.

**Illinois Federation of Teachers**—to design and pilot a new collaborative contract negotiating model for charter schools.

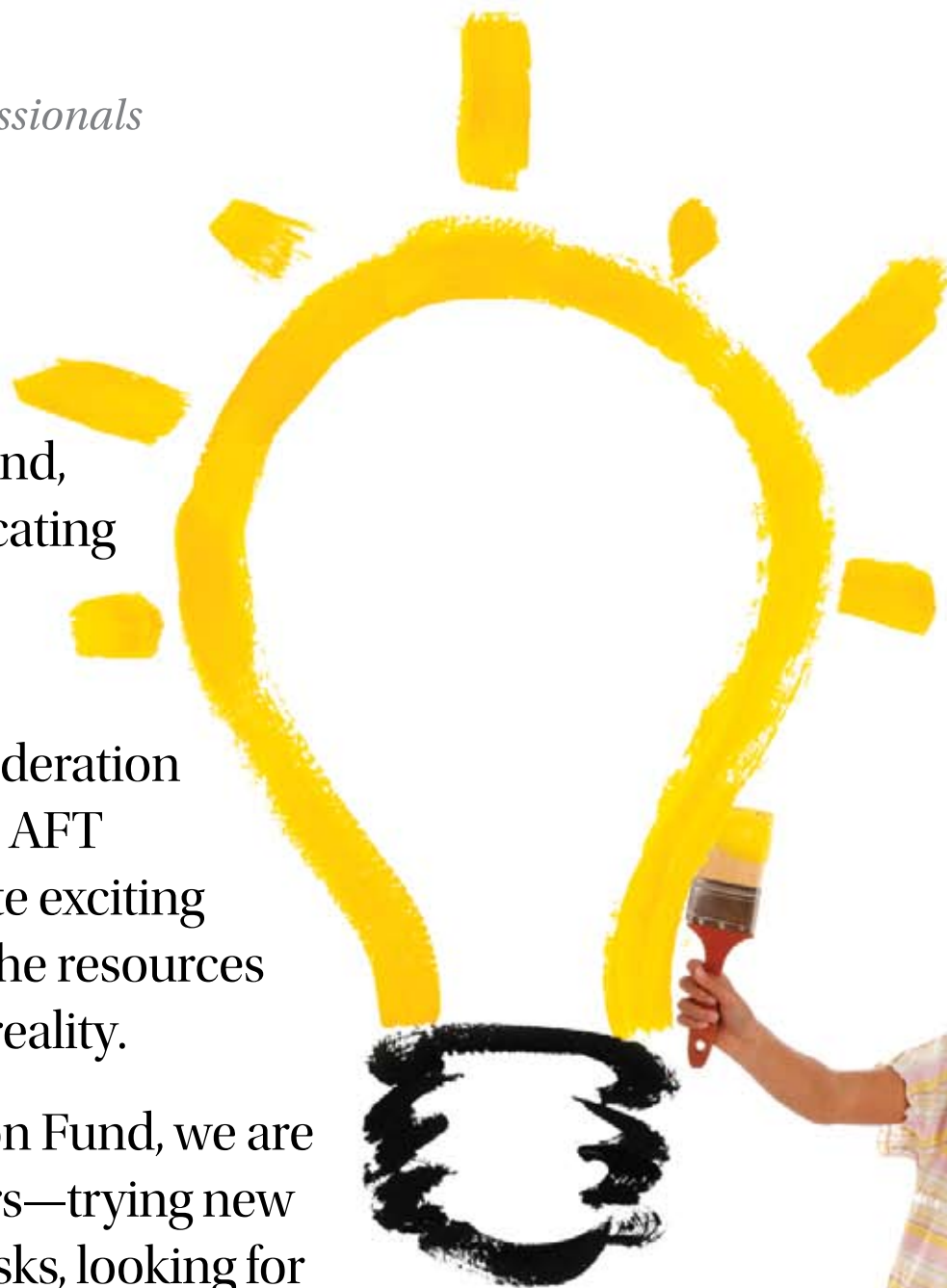
**New York State United Teachers** and **Rhode Island Federation of Teachers and Health Professionals**—a joint effort to create a meaningful teacher evaluation system supported by an expanded Peer Assistance and Review program.

**Philadelphia Federation of Teachers**—to create 10 new community schools providing wraparound services for students.

**Saint Paul Federation of Teachers**—to develop CareerTeacher, a new grow-your-own approach to teacher recruitment.

**San Antonio Alliance of Teachers and Support Personnel**—to design a forward-thinking plan to increase enrollment and create in-district charter schools.

The AFT Innovation Fund is the first union-led, private foundation-supported effort that provides grants to AFT affiliates nationwide to develop bold education innovations in public schools. To find out more about the AFT Innovation Fund, visit [www.aft.org/innovate](http://www.aft.org/innovate).



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