

GLR Learning Tuesdays | Learning Loss Recovery Challenge Series
Beyond the Headlines: What Can We Learn from a Closer Look at NAEP
November 8, 2022 | 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm ET

PRESENTER BIOS

Moderator

John Gomperts

Executive Fellow, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading



John Gomperts is a long-time leader in non-profits and government organizations devoted to civic engagement and to creating greater opportunity for children and youth. From 2012-2020, John served as President & CEO of America's Promise Alliance. Prior to that, John served as the Director of AmeriCorps in the

Obama Administration. Earlier in his career, John worked in the US Senate (Sens. Wofford, Kerry, Daschle), practiced law and served as a judicial clerk. John earned his JD from Georgetown University Law

Center and his AB in History from University of California, Berkeley. John has served on a wide range of boards including FoodCorps (Chair), Points of Light, Presidio Institute, News Literacy Project, and others.

Presenter

Raymond C. Hart Ph.D.

Executive Director, Council of the Great City Schools



Dr. Raymond Hart is the Executive Director of the Council of the Great City Schools. Hart, who has more than 30 years of experience in research and evaluation, was previously the Director of Research for the Council, and his work has spanned policy areas such as post-secondary success and college readiness, professional learning communities and school improvement, teacher effectiveness and value-added analysis, early childhood education, and adult and workforce literacy. He has worked with clients from a number of

federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of State, the National Science Foundation, and many state and local departments of education.

Hart recently led the Analytic Technical Support Task for the Regional Educational Laboratory – Mid Atlantic. He served as the Executive Director of Research, Planning and Accountability for Atlanta Public Schools, President and CEO of RS Hart and Partners, which is an evaluation and assessment consulting firm, and an Assistant Professor of Research, Measurement, and Statistics at Georgia State University. Prior to his work as a consultant, Hart served as the Director of the Bureau of Research Training and Services at Kent State University. His career

began in 1989 as a program director for African American, Hispanic, and Native American students in Engineering and Science.

Hart holds a Ph.D. in Evaluation and Measurement from Kent State University, a M.Ed. with a focus on Curriculum and Instruction – Educational Research from Cleveland State University, and a bachelor’s degree in Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Presenter

Beth Schiavino-Narvaez, Ed.D.

Chief Academic Officer, Department of Defense Education Activity



Beth Schiavino-Narvaez, Ed.D serves as the Chief Academic Officer for the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia. As the Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Schiavino-Narvaez sets the strategic vision and direction for the instructional framework and educational approach to DoDEA’s academic program, and is a key lever to accomplish DoDEA’s five key goals centered on excellence.

Prior to joining DoDEA to lead the Center for Instructional Leadership (CIL) in the Pacific Region, Dr. Schiavino-Narvaez served as a life-long educator and leader in various capacities and multiple school systems. Before joining DoDEA in September 2016, she served as superintendent of the Hartford, Connecticut Public Schools. Her past experiences include: Deputy Superintendent for School Support and Improvement for the Montgomery County, Maryland Schools; Assistant Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer in the Springfield, Massachusetts Public Schools; and principal in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dr. Schiavino-Narvaez began her career as a Fulbright scholar teaching in South Korea, and served in the Peace Corps in the Republic of Kiribati. Dr. Schiavino-Narvaez earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Pennsylvania State University, and master’s and doctoral degrees in school leadership and the urban superintendency from Harvard University.

Presenter

Tim Taylor

Executive Director, California Small School District’s Association



Tim Taylor is the Executive Director of the California Small School District’s Association. He previously served Butte County as Superintendent of Schools from 2012 through the end of his term in January 2019. He also served as Assistant Superintendent at Sacramento County Office of Education and as a Director for the Elk Grove Unified School District. Moreover, Tim was a SSDA Executive Board Member from 2014-2018.

Taylor is known for developing and expanding programs to benefit students and small school districts. He has extensive experience supporting small school districts through advocacy and working with associations to ensure equity for all students. As Butte County Superintendent, his commitment to schools and students in rural communities led to his County Office being selected by the state to support nine regional and eleven state wide contracts including the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), California Mini Corps programs and Region 2 Arts Education Community of Practice. As a former leader of Migrant Education, CA Rural Educators Network, Parolee Reentry Centers and Bilingual Teacher Training programs throughout the state, Taylor is committed to serving the diverse students and communities throughout California.

Presenter

Christy Wolfe

Senior Vice President for Policy, Research and Planning
National Alliance for Public Charter Schools



Christy Wolfe is the senior vice president for policy, research and planning for the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools. In her role she oversees charter school legislative and regulatory policy initiatives, federal program technical assistance, as well as data collection and research. She has more than 25 years of experience working on federal K-12 education policy. Christy spent eight years at the U.S. Department of Education, serving as the associate deputy secretary for policy. In this role, she managed policy development and implemented regulations for all federal elementary, secondary, and special education programs. Christy was also a professional staff member for the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Education and the Workforce, where she worked on major education legislation and reform efforts. Christy graduated from the University of Virginia as an Echols Scholar and with a degree in American Government.

Presenter

Heather Zellers

Director of Information and Advocacy for the Rural Schools Association of NY
Chair of the National Rural Education Advocacy Coalition



Heather Zellers is the Director of Information and Advocacy for the Rural Schools Association of NY, a member-driven organization that represents the particular interests of the small and rural school districts of New York State. She is also Chair of the National Rural Education Advocacy Coalition whose purpose is to advocate for the highest quality education for the children of rural America's public schools.

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