

## Stalled Learning Recovery and Bright Spots from 2023

GLR Learning Tuesdays

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 | 3 pm – 4:30 pm ET

### PRESENTER BIOS

#### PANELISTS



**Yolie Flores**

***President and CEO***

**Families in Schools**

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Yolie Flores is CEO and President of Families In Schools, a nonprofit statewide organization based in Los Angeles, California, whose mission is to involve families and communities in their children's education to achieve lifelong success. Most recently, Yolie served as the National Campaign Director for Building a Parent Nation, a campaign initiative of the TMW Center for Early Learning and Public Health at The University of Chicago. Previously, at the Campaign for Grade Level Reading, Yolie supported Campaign communities in their quest to ensure early school success for more children by elevating parent success. As a leader in Los Angeles, she served as Vice President of the Los Angeles Board of Education and, for almost a decade, served as CEO of the L.A. County Children's Planning Council, a countywide collaborative focused on improving outcomes for children. In 2017, Yolie ran for Congress distinguishing herself as the candidate for children and families. Yolie's leadership and commitment to the well-being of children and families has earned her the distinction of, twice, being named Social Worker of the Year.



**Kenneth B. Mason**

***Fifth Congressional District Member***

**Georgia State Board of Education**

***School Improvement Instructional Coach***

**Southern Regional Education Board**

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Mr. Kenneth Mason has worked for the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) for the past 20 years as a School Improvement Consultant. In this role, he has provided technical assistance and guidance to K-12 schools throughout the United States in their efforts to create quality, learning environments for all students. Kenneth was appointed to the Georgia State Board of Education in 2011 by Governor Nathan Deal and represents metro Atlanta in the Fifth Congressional District. Mr. Mason has also served as an active leader within the National State Boards of Education (NASBE) particularly with the equity, literacy and early education workgroups. Kenneth will serve as the incoming board chair for the Georgia Foundation for Public Education in 2024. Mr. Mason resides in the East Atlanta area with his wife and 11-year old son, DuBois, and 9-year old daughter, Chloe Soleil.



**Lindsay Sobel**  
**Chief of Policy, Planning & External Affairs**  
**Teach Plus**  
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As Chief of Policy, Planning & External Affairs, Lindsay Sobel (she/her) manages Teach Plus' policy, research, and development functions, promotes the organizational expansion efforts, and contributes to the development and implementation of our organizational vision and strategy. In 2021-22, Lindsay served as Interim CEO of Teach Plus. As Vice President of Policy & External Affairs, she expanded Teach Plus's policy and partnerships work at the federal level and deepened regional impact, expanding the organization's work to 12 states. Lindsay founded Teach Plus Texas in 2016 and served as its Senior Executive Director. Under Lindsay's leadership, Teach Plus Texas helped secure an historic overhaul of the state's school finance system, significant legislation advancing student mental health, and improvements to teacher leadership, preparation, and mentoring. Lindsay served as founding Director of the Teach Plus Network and Massachusetts Executive Director, where she supported teacher leaders in advancing college and career-ready standards, pedagogy, and assessments. She also played a key role in Teach Plus's expansion to Arkansas, Michigan, Mississippi, and Pennsylvania. At Teach Plus, Lindsay has provided thousands of teachers with opportunities to make an impact on behalf of the most underserved students. Prior to joining Teach Plus, Lindsay launched the Science and Technology Initiative and served as the 8th Grade Academy Program Manager at Citizen Schools, an organization focused on expanding the learning day for low-income middle school students. Lindsay started her career as a political journalist, helping to launch Slate Magazine and covering Congress for The Hill newspaper. She has also served as an adjunct journalism professor at Emerson College. Lindsay holds a BA from the University of Michigan and an MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School. She lives in Austin, Texas with her husband and younger daughter, who attends a Texas public school. Her older daughter is in college.

## **MODERATOR**



**John Gomperts**  
**Executive Fellow**  
**Campaign for Grade-Level Reading**  
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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.