

GLR Learning Tuesdays Webinar

State Policy Initiatives to Fast Track Expansion of High-Dosage Tutoring

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Moderator, Presenter and Commentator Bios

MODERATOR

John Gomperts

Former President & CEO, America's Promise Alliance



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

Jeremy Anderson

President, Education Commission of the States



As the eighth president of Education Commission of the States, Anderson leads a team of more than 55 education policy experts that serve policymakers in all 50 states through research, reports, convenings and counsel. Prior, Jeremy served many elected officials in Congress, governors' offices and state legislatures across the country. When he is not racing from airport to airport to serve state education policymakers, Jeremy enjoys running, mountain biking, skiing and time with his family. Jeremy truly believes that the best education policy happens when policymakers are able to learn from each other.

COMMENTATORS

Christiane Buggs

Manager of Literacy Partnerships, United Way of Greater Nashville



Christiane Buggs is Chair of the Metro Nashville Public School Board of Education. As a former middle school math teacher, consistent volunteer and new mother, she considers herself a life-long educator. Buggs is a Nashville native and product of MNPS. She is also a founding board member of The Equity Alliance, a Nashville based 501c3 that seeks to educate, engage, and empower minorities around the civic process. Buggs' full-time role at United Way of Greater Nashville is Manager of Literacy Partnerships for the Blueprint for Early Childhood Success, a citywide initiative focused on increasing literacy in our youngest learners.

COMMENTATORS

Terri Clark

Arizona Literacy Director, Read On Arizona



Terri Clark leads Read On Arizona, a public/private collaboration with a commitment among the key players in education and philanthropy to work together in coordination and alignment, share data, maximize investments, and take the strategic, comprehensive, collective approach required to drive large-scale change and advance statewide efforts in early literacy to improve language and literacy outcomes for Arizona's children from birth through age eight. Prior to assuming her position, Ms. Clark ran a statewide California early literacy organization called Bring Me A Book. And in her previous tenure as Executive Director of the Literacy Network of Greater Los Angeles, a coalition of over 250 literacy providers, she was responsible for building a seamless literacy delivery system serving over 500,000 literacy learners cradle to career.

Jennifer Stedron

Executive Director, Early Milestones Colorado



Jennifer Stedron is Executive Director of Early Milestones Colorado, which she helped design and launch. Early Milestones harnesses the research-policy-practice loop to create equitable, sustainable solutions to challenges in learning and development, health and well-being, and family support. Previously, Jennifer was Senior Program Manager for Ascend at the Aspen Institute. She has also served as the Executive Director of Colorado's Early Childhood Leadership Commission and the Policy Director for Early Childhood in the Office of Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia. Jennifer has also managed bipartisan policy efforts in K-12 education and early childhood and for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Ken Zeff, Ed. D.

Executive Director, Learn4Life, Metro Atlanta



Ken Zeff leads Learn4Life, a nonprofit that harnesses the collective impact of business, philanthropy and nonprofit partners to support common education goals across metro Atlanta. Previously Zeff served several roles at Fulton County Schools including Superintendent and Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer. Zeff arrived from Los Angeles where he was COO for Green Dot Public Schools. He was also a White House Fellow and a senior policy consultant to the US Secretary of Education. Zeff received his BA from the University of Michigan, MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and Doctorate from Georgia State University.