

GLR Learning Tuesdays | Learning Loss Recovery Challenge Series
Elevating Educators: Investing in Teacher Professional Development for Long-Term Payoff

May 24, 2022 | 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm ET

MODERATOR



Lisa Roy, Ed.D.
Executive Director, Colorado Department of Early Childhood

Dr. Lisa Roy is the newly appointed executive director for Colorado's Department of early childhood. The department of early childhood will manage Colorado's new universal preschool program which will serve 4-year-old statewide starting in summer of 2023. Roy previously served as the Director of program development for the Buffett Early Childhood Institute and as the executive director of early childhood education for Denver Public Schools. She has

volunteered and worked in non-profit and government sectors supporting families with young children for over 30 years.

SPEAKERS



Michelle Accardi
Director of Policy and Advocacy, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Michelle Accardi is a National Board Certified Teacher - Exceptional Needs Specialist and the Director of Policy and Advocacy for the National Board. Prior to joining the staff of the National Board in 2011, she was an elementary school teacher in Albuquerque Public Schools. Michelle worked in team taught and self contained classrooms with a focus on students with behavioral differences. Her work included consulting and teaching for several BIE Schools. Prior

to work in education, she was a private sector attorney. At the National Board her focus is on legislative advocacy and working to develop and implement grant projects. Current grants include the Hewlett Foundation Awareness grant and the Technology Integration for Mississippi Educators grant. She and her husband live in Gulfport Mississippi with their dogs Yogi and Boo-Boo. She spends much of her time focusing on her Granddaughter Sicily who is a 5th grade student in Gulfport.



Cynthia Hadicke, Ed.D.
Director of Client Success and Implementation,
AIM Institute for Learning and Research

Cynthia (Cindy) Hadicke is the Director of Client Success and Implementation at the AIM Institute for Learning and Research, where she assists with the successful implementation of Pathways programs in various ways. She also coaches community of practice sessions with school administrators to help with successful reading implementation at the school and district levels. Cynthia has worked in the public school system as a reading and classroom teacher

and building principal and most recently as the elementary education consultant for the Kansas Department of Education. In this capacity, she engaged districts across Kansas to successfully implement the new state reading initiative for struggling readers and students with language-based learning disabilities. She is a KPERRI Certified Structured Literacy Teacher and LETRS Certified Teacher.



Sharon Hopper
Director of Literacy Professional Learning, Hill
Learning Center

Sharon Hopper is the Director of Literacy Professional Learning at Hill Learning Center in Durham, NC. Prior to joining the team at Hill, Sharon served as a district literacy specialist where she coached teachers and developed elementary ELA curriculum materials for Durham Public Schools. In 2004 Sharon first transitioned from her elementary classroom to the district office where she served as the Reading First Coordinator for Vance County Schools. This led to

other opportunities to collaborate with the work of the NC Department of Public Instruction

in the development and statewide delivery of the course Reading Research to Classroom Practice. The work at Hill is most satisfying as the focus on developing courses and tools to bring the research into a practical application for teachers is the most impactful way to improve outcomes for students. Sharon is the proud mom of 3 amazing children, one of which is a current student at Hill Learning Center where she is thriving as a result of direct, systematic instruction and highly skilled teachers. That is something ALL children deserve!



Sarah Brown Wessling
Executive Board Vice Chair, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Sarah Brown Wessling is the 2010 National Teacher of the Year and a 23-year veteran of the high school English classroom and former Teacher Laureate for the Teaching Channel. She is a National Board Certified Teacher since 2005 and serves as the Vice Chair for the NBPTS Executive Board. Currently, she is also serving as Senior Advisor for the National Teacher of the Year Program, which she has worked with for the past 11 years as a facilitator, designer of professional learning and consultant. She is a

frequent speaker and facilitator of professional learning around the country and an avid blogger and writer. Sarah is author of *Supporting Students in a Time of Core Standards* and maintains a website at: sarahbrownwessling.com. She is, most importantly, mom to Evan, Lauren and Zachary who keep her grounded and laughing. She works full time from Des Moines, Iowa.