

Curriculum at a Crossroads: Evidence and What Works
GLR Learning Tuesdays | Learning Loss Recovery Challenge Series

September 30, 2025 | 3 pm – 4:30 pm ET

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Amanda Alexander, Ph.D.

Consultant

Dr. Amanda Alexander is a consultant with over 25 years of experience in the field of education. Her current work focuses on the areas of education policy, practice and research. Most recently, she served as the Chief Academic Officer at Scholastic Education Solutions where she led the division's shift to the science of reading. In this role, she supported the development of new SOR-aligned supplemental resources. Her core portfolio included leadership and strategy for professional learning services and the research and evaluation team. Prior to her tenure at Scholastic, she served at Teachstone as the Vice President of Policy and Partnership Development. A former kindergarten teacher, Amanda is especially proud of the time she spent as a practitioner in a variety of school and district level leadership roles ranging from assistant principal to interim chancellor with service in the District of Columbia Public Schools and the New York City Department of Education.

Amanda has a B.A. in English and a M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction from Howard University, a M.S.Ed. in educational leadership from Baruch College, and a Ph.D. in education from American University.



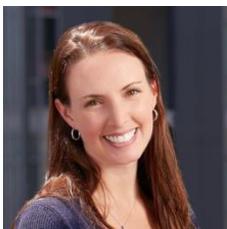
Bren Elliot, Ed.D.

Associate Superintendent

Student Life and Innovation

The School District of Philadelphia

Forthcoming.



Teresa Eliopoulos

Policy and Strategy Lead

EdReports

Teresa Eliopoulos is the Policy and Strategy Lead at EdReports, where she analyzes the PK–12 instructional materials policy landscape and leverages market insights to shape organizational strategy. She collaborates with colleagues and partners to ensure EdReports' review processes anticipate emerging policy developments, align with strategic priorities, and expand

access to high-quality instructional materials. Prior to EdReports, Teresa worked as a strategic policy consultant advising clients on innovative approaches to systemic challenges in public education, and at Achieve, where she supported national and state efforts to advance college- and career-ready standards, strengthen instructional materials policy, and build partnerships to drive systemic change.



David Pinder, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Juvenile Services Education Program Maryland

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Steven M. Ross, Ph.D.
Professor and Director
Center for Research and Reform in Education
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Steven M. Ross is a professor and Executive Director at the Center for Research and Reform in Education at Johns Hopkins University. He is currently the inaugural recipient of the Robert E. Slavin Endowed Professorship and serves as Interim Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs for the School of Education. Dr. Ross is the author of six textbooks and over 140 journal articles in the areas of educational technology, at-risk learners, educational reform, extended learning time programs, and research and evaluation. He is a noted lecturer on school programs and educational evaluation, Editor Emeritus of the research section of the Educational Technology Research and Development journal, and a member of the editorial board for four other professional journals.



John "Shawn" O. Stover III, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Rockingham County Schools
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Shawn Stover is the Superintendent for Rockingham County Schools, a district of 11,000 students located North Carolina. Dr. Stover has focused the system on creating "choice ready" graduates who can thrive in whatever post-secondary path they choose. During his tenure, Dr. Stover has increased the district's outcomes on the ACT and AP tests by 21 and 12 points respectively, the percentage of students earning industry recognized credentials by 68%, and opened an innovative Early College program focused on CTE.



Janine Walker-Caffrey, Ed.D.
Chief Academic Officer
EPS Learning

Janine Walker-Caffrey, the chief academic officer at EPS Learning, is a career educator who has been a teacher (special education, English as a second language, physics), school founder, principal and superintendent. She is also the author of two parenting books inspired by her own two children.