



## The Role of Community Schools in Accelerating Learning and Learning Loss Recovery

A GLR Learning Tuesdays Webinar

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### *Panelist Bios*

#### MODERATOR

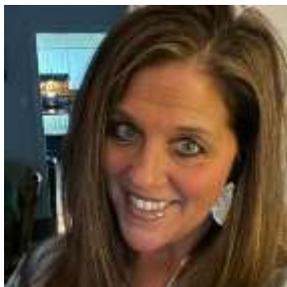


**John Garcia, III, Ed.L.D.**  
**President**  
**Greater LA Education Foundation**  
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Dr. John Garcia III is currently President of the Greater Los Angeles Education Foundation, a philanthropic knowledge and action arm of the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Previously, he was the Senior Program Officer for Education at the California Community Foundation. John has served as a consultant for the National Governors Association, Jobs for the Future and the Southern Regional Education Board. He was also a policy analyst for the White House Initiative for Educational Excellence for Hispanics and resident fellow at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. John began his career in education as a school counselor after working in business before serving as a director at the Arizona Commission for Post-secondary Education.

John received his bachelor's and master's degree from Arizona State University. He received his doctorate in education leadership from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. John is currently a board member of Grantmakers for Education, Social Venture Partners Los Angeles, and the New York Leadership Academy.

#### PRESENTERS



**Deborah Bowman**  
**Community School Director**  
**Bangor Area School District**

Deborah Bowman has always had a passion for helping people so when the opportunity arose in February 2008 to take the role of the Community School Director position with the Bangor Area School District, her alma mater she took it. She graduated from Millersville University of Pennsylvania with a BA in Sociology/ Criminal Justice and always embraced learning from other people. Through her tenure in her position, she has worked with numerous students, families, staff and community partners and has brought in multiple resources to assist with needs throughout the district. Deborah resides in Bangor with her children, Levi and Gabriella and their dog Enzo.



**Jose Munoz**  
**Director, Coalition for Community Schools**  
**Institute for Educational Leadership**  
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José Muñoz became the Coalition for Community Schools director in 2017 and is currently serving as the interim-director for the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL). José brings over 30 years of Cross-Sector partnership experiences toward creating better paths forward for youth, families, and communities. Before joining IEL, he was the executive director of the ABC Community School Partnership in New Mexico. In this role, José scaled up Community Schools having impact in dozens of communities, won the first national Community Schools Initiative Leadership Award, and hosted the largest Community Schools National Forum to date.

José earned a national legacy award for his work leading gang prevention, intervention, and re-entry programs for the Boys & Girls Clubs. He was also the Coordinator of a national model site for the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative and now is leading the Coalition for Community Schools' 25,000 Community Schools by 2025 campaign.



**Jill Pereira**  
**Vice President of Education & Impact**  
**United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley**  
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Jill Pereira's background includes serving diverse populations throughout the Lehigh Valley. She has taken on increasing levels of leadership with the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley over the last twelve years and is currently responsible for overseeing a \$12.7 million annual investment into the areas of education, food access, healthy aging and emergency services to ensure achievement of the organization's goals in the community, including over \$1.4 million annually to support a 28-school Community School network. Jill led the creation of the Lehigh Valley Reads — the local third grade reading campaign — and continues to support its evolving focus and commitment to a thriving community through the advancement of literacy, diversity, equity and inclusion practices. Jill was named one of Lehigh Valley Business Forty Under Forty recipients in 2015 and presented the National Community Schools Initiative Leadership Award in 2018.



**Katarina Sandoval, Ed.M.**  
**Deputy Secretary of Academic Engagement and Student Success**  
**New Mexico Public Education Department**  
**@NMPED**

Kata Sandoval has worked in education for more than two decades, including more than 10 years as a classroom teacher. She recently served as the Senior Director of Academics and School Performance for the Native American Community Academy, implementing K-12 program development. Deputy Secretary Sandoval served in administration with the state's largest school district, Albuquerque Public Schools, including serving as Chief Academic Officer and Associate Superintendent. Deputy Secretary Sandoval holds a bachelor's from Stanford University and a master's in education from Harvard University.