



# Midwestern Legislative Conference

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

## MLC EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Sunday, July 21, 2024 and Tuesday, July 23, 2024**

**Delaware CD and Fairfield Rooms | Hyatt Regency Columbus | Columbus, Ohio**

### Agenda

**Sen. Hearcel Craig**, Ohio, Co- Chair | **Rep. Joel Kitchens**, Wisconsin, Co-Chair

**Sen. Heather Gustafson**, Minnesota, Vice Chair

#### SUNDAY, JULY 21 | COMMITTEE MEETING | *Second Floor, Delaware CD*

**2:30 – 2:40 p.m.** Welcome and Introductions

**2:40 – 3:10 p.m.** **Presentation #1: Integrating state policy on education and workforce development at the state education agency level; utilizing public-private partnerships**

In the wake of Ohio's recent restructuring of its state education agency into the Department of Education and Workforce, this presentation will explore how state policy on education and workforce development can become more integrated. The presentation will also highlight the role public-private partnerships can play to achieve this integration.

#### *Presenters*

**Rick Carfagna**, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, Ohio Chamber of Commerce

**Stephen Dackin**, Director, Ohio Department of Education & Workforce

**3:10 – 3:20 p.m.** Q&A

Committee members and meeting participants will be able to pose questions.

**3:20 – 3:50 p.m.** **Presentation #2: Rethinking literacy education and analyzing the “science of reading” approach**

A majority of Midwestern states have now passed legislation revamping their states' literacy education curriculum in order to emphasize an instructional style based on phonics and phonemic awareness. This presentation will serve to provide an overview of this pedagogical approach, encompassed under a larger body of work known as the “science of reading”.

#### *Presenter*

**Rebecca Estes**, Assistant Secretary for Educator Talent, Indiana Department of Education

**3:50 – 4:00 p.m.** Q&A

**4:00 – 4:30 p.m.** **Committee Roundtable & Discussion | Committee Business**

Committee members and meeting participants will engage in a discussion on recent policy and legislative trends in the areas of education and workforce development. Please come prepared to share your perspective and thoughts with fellow lawmakers about the latest developments occurring in your home state or province.

**TUESDAY, JULY 23 | COMMITTEE-SPONSORED POLICY SESSION | *Second Floor, Fairfield***

**2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

**State Strategies to Address Academic Remediation**

This session will explore state policies to better help students in need of academic remediation as they transition from high school to college, as well as prevention strategies to help students prior to graduation from high school.

*Presenters*

**Mike Abrahamson**, Senior Manager of Research and Policy, Partnership for College Completion

**Katie Beal**, External Affairs Associate, MDRC

**Sen. Andrew Brenner**, Ohio

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 | SITE TOUR |**

**11:00 a.m. –  
3:00 p.m.**

**New Albany Economic Development**

Visit one of Ohio's fastest-growing centers of business and manufacturing — home to Beauty Park and Intel's future campus.

Separate registration is required. Contact Derek Cantù for any registration questions: [dcantu@csg.org](mailto:dcantu@csg.org) or (630) 925-1922.