



Agenda for Summit at UCLA*
January 23, 2017

**ESSA and Learning Supports:
 Addressing Barriers to Learning and Teaching to Enhance
 Equity of Opportunity**

ESSA planning provides a renewed opportunity for innovation in revisiting school improvement policy and practice. The day will highlight transformative ideas and highlight lessons learned from trailblazing efforts. The emphasis will be on exploring, sharing, and discussing how to move forward with unifying and then developing a comprehensive and equitable system for addressing barriers to learning and teaching.

8:30 - 9:00 – Refreshments and informal meeting and greeting

9:00 - 10:00 – Linda Taylor and Howard Adelman

- >Welcome and Plan for the Day and Afterwards
- >Background
- >Introduction to the Imperative for Major Changes
- >The ESSA Planning Challenge: An opportunity to transform student and learning supports
- >Re-envisioning How to Address Barriers to Learning and Teaching at Schools
- >Expanding School Improvement Policy to Make it Happen

10:00-10:40 – Alabama: Discussion of State Adaptation and Scale-up

Linda Felton-Smith, ALSDE Director of the Office of Learning Supports

- >Design
- >Phasing-in using cohorts
- >Current status, initial outcomes, and next steps
- >Implications ESSA planning in other states

10:40-11:00 – Participant Group Discussions (questions, concerns, comments)

11:00 - 11:15 – Break

11:15 - 11:45 – A District Superintendent’s Implementation Experiences

Merrienne Dyer, Former Superintendent of Gainesville (GA) City Schools

11:45 - 12:30 – Buffett Lunch

12:30 - 1:00 – A Federal Perspective on ESSA and Learning Supports

David Esquith, Director, Office of Safe and Healthy Students, U.S. Dept. of Education

1:00 - 1:45 – A Three District Panel Discussing Early Implementation Focusing on
 Essential Elements and Lessons Learned

Angela Mangum, Superintendent, Selma City Schools, Selma, AL
 Shawn Hagerty, Director of Specialized Programs, Sumter (SC) School district
 Andy Kubas, Director of Learning Supports, Bloomington (MN) Public Schools

1:45 - 2:15 – About Funding Stream Integration

Howard Adelman, UCLA
 Rhonda Neal Waltman, former assistant superintendent now Senior Director of Consultancy
 Services Learning Supports at Scholastic.

2:15 - 2:45 – Participant Group Discussions About Next Step for Moving Student and
 Learning Supports into the 21st Century

2:45 - 3:00 –Making Substantive and Sustainable Transformative Changes:

Essential Elements, including *Developing* Leadership
 Howard Adelman and Linda Taylor

3:00 - 3:30 - Summit Wrap-up and Next Steps for Supporting Those Moving Forward –
 followed by optional time for individual follow up/discussion

Howard Adelman and Linda Taylor

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