

**TEACHER LEADER FELLOWSHIP ACADEMY (TLFA)**

**AGENDA**

**KICK-OFF MEETING**

**For the 2021-2022 School Year**

**AUGUST 12, 2021**

9:00 am. **Opening**

**Setting the Context for the Day** – Betty J. Sternberg, Ct Commissioner of Education Emerita,

Director, TLFA

**Welcome to the Isabelle Farrington College of Education – Mel Horton**, Associate Dean

**The State Department of Education Perspective – Charlene Russell-Tucker**, Acting Commissioner of Education - Remarks connected to SDE Mission/Goals

**Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS)** – **Fran Rabinowitz**, Executive Director - Supporting a Culture of Innovation and Creativity through Teacher Leadership

**Connecticut Education Association (CEA) – Joslyn Delancey**, Vice President, Supporting Classroom Teachers as Leaders

9:20 am. **Creativity and Innovation**

Interactive session #1 – Led by Ken Kay

Discuss at your table or in your zoom room the following:

* What is an example of creativity or an education innovation that you or a colleague of yours demonstrated during COVID-19?
* What made this creative response or innovation possible?

9:35 am. **Report out from interactive groups**

Each group will designate one person to report the best example of creativity or an education innovation during COVID-19 (1 minute). Fran Rabinowitz, Executive Director, CAPSS, will summarize Zoom breakouts.

9:45 am. **Keynote** - **Building a “Green Light” Culture for Creative Problem Solving**

**Ken Kay,** co-author *Redefining Student Success: Building a New Vision to Transform Leading,*

*Teaching, and Learning* (foreword by Tony Wagner) In addition, a Discussion of Portrait of a

Graduate and an Educator will be presented.

10:15 am. **Stakeholder reaction panel – Discussion with Ken Kay**

Kathleen C. Greider – Superintendent, Farmington Public Schools

Kelly M. Lyman, Superintendent, Mansfield Public Schools

Sarhanna K. Smith, Principal, Read School (PreK – 8), Bridgeport Public Schools

Julia Darcy, Grade 5 Teacher, Greene-Hills School (PreK – 8), Bristol Public Schools

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10:40 am. **Break**

10:50 am. **A Green Light Culture**

Interactive session #2– Led by Ken Kay

After listening to the keynote and the stakeholder panel- answer the following questions about

“green light culture”

* In your district are leaders giving and teachers receiving a green light? About what?
* What do teachers and administrators need to do to better nurture a “green light culture” (supporting innovation and experimentation) in your school or district?

11:10 am. **Report out from interactive groups**

* Each group reports the **2 most important ideas** from its discussion. Fran Rabinowitz will

summarize the Zoom breakouts.

11:20 am. **Educator Competencies for Creative Problem Solving**

Interactive session #3 – Led by Ken Kay

Many portraits of a Graduate have 4 or more competencies. For this discussion imagine your Portrait of a Graduate has only one student competency: creative problem solving.

* What competencies beyond creativity and innovation do teachers need to nurture creative problem solving?
* What competencies would educators need to effectively teach and assess creative problem solving?
* What would it take in this coming school year for teachers and administrators to co-create a list of educator competencies that you could focus on in your professional development and human resource work that would support creative problem solving in the classroom?

11:45 am. **Report out from interactive groups**

Each group will report the 2-3 educator competencies from its discussion and an idea for how to promote those competencies in the coming school year.  (1 min. per group) Fran Rabinowitz will summarize the Zoom breakouts.

11:55 am. **Concluding remarks.**

Ken Kay – On Redefining Student Success and its relation to “Green Light Cultures”

Betty Sternberg – Observations of morning conversations and Next Steps for the Teacher Leader Fellowship Academy

12:15 pm. **Adjourn.**

12:20 pm. **A 20-minute optional tour of the IDEA LAB (maker space)**

12:20 pm. **Concurrent Luncheons for specially invited guests**

- by special invitation to superintendents’ teams with Ken Kay

- by special invitation to classroom teacher leaders with TLFA Teacher Leader Ambassadors

1:30 pm. **A 20-minute optional tour of the IDEA LAB (maker space) for luncheon guests**