

PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2015-2016

SESSION #4 AGENDA

Friday, January 15, 2016

Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators' Headquarters, 2608 Market Place,
Harrisburg, PA 17110

School Choices

☞ “School Choices” is a significant education policy issue and subject of public and policymaker debate in recent years, including during the current 2015-2016 school year. As some schools continue to fail to provide an appropriate education for all students, and as more families express a preference for a less traditional form of education, there is continuing debate among policymakers and education leaders about alternatives to the traditional bricks and mortar public schools. School choice has become the slogan to represent a broad range of alternatives including charter schools, cyber schools, home schooling and vouchers. In addition, however, any school choices discussion needs to consider other options within the public school setting, including career-technical education, dual enrollment, AP courses, foreign languages, and more. The challenge for policymakers and educators is to consider how to most effectively respond to the increasingly diverse needs and preferences of students and their parents. ☞

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| 10:00 a.m. | Opening Comments and School Choices Overview | Ron Cowell
<i>President, EPLC</i>
<i>EPFP Co-Coordinator</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. | <i>K-12 School Choices in Pennsylvania</i> | Ron Cowell, Moderator
Bob Fayfich
<i>Executive Director</i>
<i>Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools</i>
Mark K. Leidy, Ed.D.
<i>Superintendent</i>
<i>Mechanicsburg Area School District</i>
<i>PA EPFP Class of 2007-2008</i>
Jennifer R. Beagan
<i>Senior Program Director</i>
<i>Allegheny Intermediate Unit</i> |
| 12:00 p.m. | Working Lunch – Project Groups | Fellows |
| 2:00 p.m. | <i>Technology and New Opportunities</i> | Ron Cowell, Moderator
Dr. Michael G. Lechlitter
<i>Superintendent of Schools</i>
<i>Penn Manor School District</i>
<i>(Partner School District, Open Campus PA)</i>
Jim Gates
<i>Instructor, Eduspire and Consultant, Gates Ideas</i>
<i>(Former Coach and Mentor, “Classrooms for the Future”)</i> |
| 3:30 p.m. | Reflections on Presentations | Fellows |
| 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. | Closing Comments & Adjourment | Fellows |