

# PENNSYLVANIA EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

## 2016-2017

### SESSION #4 AGENDA

Friday, January 13, 2017

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 decades. Additional attention is likely to be brought to the issue by discussions generated by the new Administration in Washington. The forces of some persistently failing schools, the expressed preferences of some parents and students for a less traditional form of education, and new technologies and initiatives all contribute to this debate. Indeed, school choice has become the slogan to represent a broad range of alternatives including charter schools, cyber schools, home schooling, and vouchers for students in non-public schools. But any school choices discussion needs to consider also the many other options within the public school setting, including blended learning, 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. | <b>Opening Comments and School Choices Overview</b> | <b>Ron Cowell</b><br><i>President, EPLC</i>   |
| 10:30 a.m. | <b><i>K-12 School Choices in Pennsylvania</i></b>   | <b>Robert Fayfich</b><br><i>Executive Director, Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools</i><br><b>Dr. Howard Richman</b><br><i>Co-Founder, Pennsylvania Homeschoolers Accreditation Agency and Co-Editor, Pennsylvania Homeschoolers®</i><br><b>Dr. Mark D. DiRocco</b><br><i>Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators</i>                                      |
| 12:00 p.m. | Working Lunch – Project Groups                      | <b>Fellows</b>  |
| 1:45 p.m.  | <b><i>Who We Are – What We Do</i></b>               | <b>Designated Fellows</b>   |
| 2:00 p.m.  | <b><i>Technology and New Opportunities</i></b>      | <b>Christopher S. Adams, Ed.D.</b><br><i>Superintendent of Schools<br/>Hempfield School District (Partner School District, Open Campus PA)</i><br><b>David L. Martin</b><br><i>Director of Technology<br/>Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15</i><br><b>Dr. Kyle L. Peck</b><br><i>Co-Director, Center for Online Innovation and Learning, College of Education, The Pennsylvania State University</i> |
| 3:30 p.m.  | Break   |   |
| 3:45 p.m.  | <b><i>Who We Are – What We Do</i></b>               | <b>Designated Fellows</b>   |
| 4:00 p.m.  | <b>Reflections on Presentations</b>                 | <b>Fellows</b>  |
| 4:30 p.m.  | <b>Adjournment</b>                                  |   |