

EdLeader21<sup>®</sup>

Connecting Leaders.  
Impacting Education.



THE 2025-2026 GUIDE TO MEMBERSHIP

# Don't Just Join a Network, Join a Movement

Across the country, school and district leaders are reimagining what success looks like for their students—ensuring they are not only academically prepared but also equipped with the durable skills they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

We believe that this transformation requires a strong community of like-minded educators working together to move from vision to practice to impact. That's why I want to personally invite you to become part of the EdLeader21® Network.

As a member, you will:

- **Connect with a National Community** – Engage with innovative education leaders who are reshaping systems to create more meaningful and student-centered learning experiences.
- **Access Strategic Support & Resources** – Gain tools, frameworks, and professional learning that help you bring your Portrait of a Graduate to life in every classroom.

- **Learn from Thought Leaders & Innovators** – Participate in discussions on instructional best practices, measurement, and leadership development.
- **Collaborate & Network** – Share insights, challenges, and successes with peers who are committed to transforming education.
- **Experience Exclusive Learning Opportunities** – Join convenings like the EdLeader21 Annual Event, where you'll leave inspired and equipped with practical strategies for lasting change.

I encourage you to join this powerful network of changemakers and take the next step in shaping the future of learning. If you're ready to connect, collaborate, and lead the way in redefining student success, I invite you to explore what membership in the EdLeader21 Network can offer you and your district. Let's work together to ensure every student is future-ready.

**Join us today.**



**Mike Duncan, Ed.D.**  
President & CEO,  
Battelle for Kids



**Amy Cashwell, Ed.D.**  
EdLeader21 Network Advisory Chair,  
Superintendent,  
Henrico Co. Public Schools (Va.)



**The Portrait of  
a Graduate Network**

This is the network dedicated to Portrait of a Graduate. If your district is exploring the idea, preparing for launch, or aiming to maintain transformative progress, our community stands as the sole professional group dedicated to the conception, initiation, and realization of these shared, inspirational community visions.

# Ready to Join the Movement?

Is your district ready to join the nation's only professional network dedicated to Portrait of a Graduate?

Contact Jeff to discuss membership benefits and options for the 2025-2026 school year.



**Jeff Korchinski**  
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## About Battelle for Kids

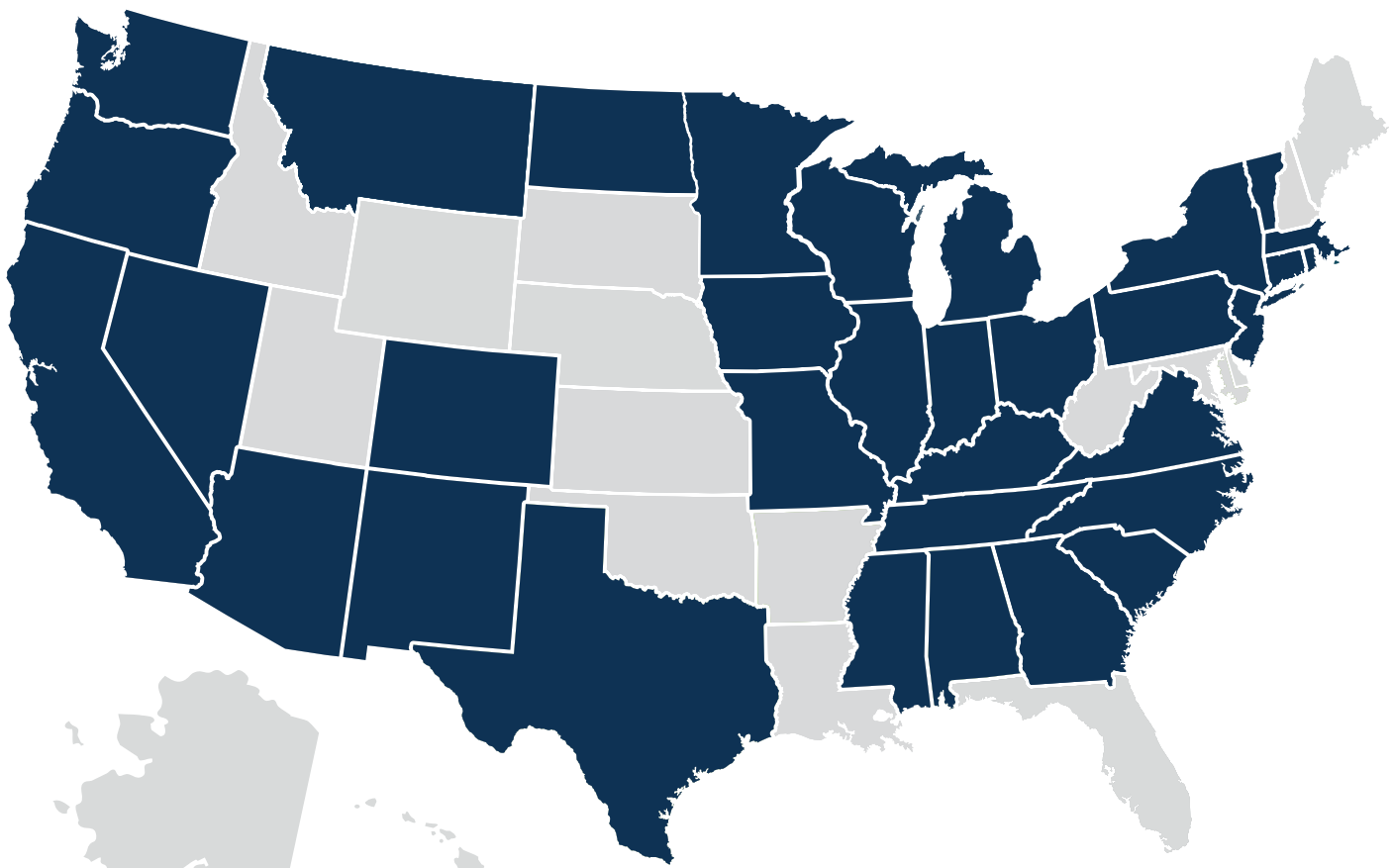
Battelle for Kids (BFK) is a national, not-for-profit organization helping to empower educators so that every student has hope, resilience, and the knowledge and skills to be future-ready. BFK has helped hundreds of school districts and state agencies design, launch, and bring their shared community visions—the Portrait of a Graduate—to life, impacting the learning experiences of millions of students nationwide.

The Battelle for Kids Future-Ready Journey Map helps educators fearlessly reimagine what education can be. It is designed to guide learning organizations through a journey from Portrait to Practice to Impact. This model emphasizes the importance of aligning every part of the educational system to support deeper learning and future-ready mindsets.

At the heart of this approach are three conditions for successful impact:

## Readiness, Alignment, Activation





## EdLeader21 membership extends across all corners of the country!



*“The opportunity of future-ready, deeper learning is not just for some students—it should be the standard for every student. Through the Complex Systems Cohort, Battelle for Kids brings together educators leading urban school systems to fuel the acceleration of deeper learning outcomes for every student, everywhere.”*

**Misty Her** | Fresno Unified School District (Calif.)

*“When you have a connection in a network, there are people skilled in different areas you can go to for advice, and I think when people share the same passion, you’re just empowered. When you can partner with other people and have people from around the country that you can network with and see what’s going on, you don’t feel so alone.”*

**Pam Quiñones** | Lovington Municipal School District (N.M.)



*“This is a network which takes pride in engaging in ‘what could be’ thinking. They assist leaders and districts in reimagining education and are a partner in every sense of the word. They truly care about the districts they work with and are invested in helping them find success. Every leader and district would benefit as a member of this organization as it truly helps set forth a vision for a future which embraces putting learners at the center.”*

**Cory J. Steiner, Ed.D.** | Northern Cass School District 97 (N.D.)



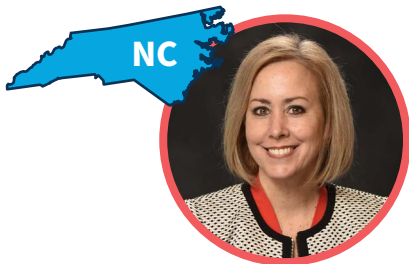


*“The power of the EdLeader21 Network allows us to collaborate and get feedback from others doing similar work. That network provides resources and different opportunities to scale this work and implement it in a way that doesn’t feel like you’re on an island doing it by yourself.”*

**Robyn Euker, Ed.D.** | Cumberland Valley School District (Pa.)

*“Thanks to the EdLeader21 Network, our Profile of a Graduate work has been significantly strengthened. Learning from others and sharing best practices has allowed us to enhance opportunities for teachers and students alike.”*

**Justin Grigg, Ed.D.** | Louisa County Public Schools (Va.)



*“The best part about being involved in the Complex Systems Cohort with Battelle for Kids has been this incredible access to resources that have been provided and that we’ve been able to use with our building leaders, our principals, our district teams, and our students.”*

**Tricia McManus** | Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools (N.C.)

*“Being a member of the network has been truly transformative, and I am continually amazed by the wealth of knowledge, support, and inspiration it provides. Through this network, I have had the opportunity to connect with incredible leaders from across our great nation. These connections have not only expanded my perspective but have also provided valuable insights and advice that has shaped my approach to leadership. One of the most rewarding aspects of being a part of this network is the sense of community and camaraderie it offers. The support and encouragement I have received from fellow members has been instrumental in my leadership.”*

**Toriano Holloway, Ph.D.** | Vicksburg Warren School District (Miss.)



# The Member Experience

Actionable Resources, Field-Tested Solutions, Impactful Professional Learning

With a network that spans from coast to coast, the EdLeader21 member experience has no limits. Members enjoy access to powerful tools, resources, and professional learning curated by Battelle for Kids and the opportunity to connect with like-minded colleagues from all corners of the country on any number of topics or issues facing educators today.



## School Site Visits

Network members have access to interactive site visits to EdLeader21 districts. These visits, which take place both virtually and in person, allow participants to gain valuable insights into innovative practices.

## Actionable Tools & Resources

EdLeader21 members have access to actionable tools and resources at their fingertips through our collaboration platform and LinkedIn group. Members also receive Network News, a weekly email exclusive to the EdLeader21 Network.



## Exclusive Professional Learning Events

All educators and staff in member districts are invited to participate in network experiences offered throughout the year. These include collaborative webinars, spotlights on best practices, job-alike virtual roundtable discussions, and expert speakers.

## Complex Systems Cohort

The Complex Systems Cohort (CSC) is the only professional learning experience designed specifically for the unique challenges facing large, complex districts in their journey to spread and scale deeper learning. The CSC offers an exclusive opportunity to collaborate with similar districts and collectively address common barriers. Customized support includes in-person convenings, on-site visits, coaching calls, and communications strategies.

# EdLeader21 ANNUAL EVENT

*“This was my first time here and I loved every minute! I can say now I understand our Portrait of a Graduate.”*  
—2024 Attendee

A highlight of membership is the EdLeader21 Network Annual Event, an engaging and inspiring experience exclusively for network member districts to accelerate future-ready, deeper learning for every student. It brings together innovative education leaders – like you – to build relationships, share ideas, learn from one another, and plan for the future.

*“The work that is being done around this movement is incredible! Thank you for all the help and support we had through this learning.”*  
—2024 Attendee

*“I’ve always heard people say they feel inspired after a conference, but I’ve never felt that until participating in the EdLeader21 event. Thank you!”*  
—2024 Attendee



## Inspiring Keynote Speakers

Plenary sessions feature thought-provoking and innovative presentations from national education leaders.

## Portrait to Practice Expo

The Expo is one of the most anticipated parts of the Annual Event with member districts showcasing the impactful initiatives they are implementing to turn their district’s vision into reality.

## Engaging Learning Sessions

Presenters lead professional learning sessions that are engaging and impactful to sustainable and meaningful transformation efforts.

## Team Building & Planning

One of the most compelling reasons to attend Annual Event is the opportunity to collaborate with your own district team members. The event features built-in “team time” to gather and plan out your next big moves.



EdLeader21  
ANNUAL  
EVENT

OCTOBER 15-17, 2025  
Glendale, Arizona

Learn more at [bfk.org](https://bfk.org)



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