



Battelle for Kids  
**SOAR**network

Ohio superintendents leading the transformation and redesign of  
21st century educational systems.

## *2018–2019 Overview*

### **THE POWER OF THE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING NETWORK!**

All Ohio SOAR Network districts gain access to EdLeader21. By engaging in these professional learning networks, you will influence state and national discourse around the future of our nation's schools.

*“When large numbers of people have a deeply understood sense of what needs to be done—and see their part in achieving that purpose—coherence emerges and powerful things happen.”*

— *Coherence, Fullan/Quinn, 2016*

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**2018–19 SOAR Network Cost: \$7,500**



## VISIONARY LEADERS NETWORK

*Superintendents only*

**Purpose:** Superintendents engage in both national and state peer-to-peer networking and thought leadership around transformational leadership for 21st century learning experiences for all students. As an engaged superintendent, you will:

- ENVISION** school districts aligned to provide 21st century learning for all students.
- BUILD** collective leadership that supports the direction of the learning network.
- CULTIVATE** understanding and action with local stakeholders and state policymakers.
- DESIGN** systems of support for 21st century learning.
- INFLUENCE** the public's confidence in the power and promise of our nation's schools.

**Membership in the Ohio SOAR Visionary Leaders Network also gives superintendents access to:**

- Free registration for superintendents at Battelle for Kids annual conferences and the EdLeader21 annual event.
- Executive coaching via phone and email consultation with BFK staff.
- Discussions with superintendents throughout the nation who have been engaged in this work with their districts.
- Engage in collaborative book study discussions.
- Resources and materials to support developing capacity in your district.
- Site visits at Ohio schools engaged in this work.
- Selecting a district team to participate in the 21st Century Learning Design Network.

**2018–19 Superintendent Chair:** Jeff Brown, Granville Exempted Village Schools

**Superintendents convene monthly**

*“This is the exciting work—the convergence of what used to be and what is needed—and it is forcing change at every level of our educational systems. We are at the tipping point, and as superintendents, it’s our role to transform how schools prepare kids for their futures.”*

*— Jeff Brown, SOAR Network Chair and Superintendent, Granville Exempted Village Schools*



## 21ST CENTURY LEARNING DESIGN NETWORK

Chief Academic Officer/Curriculum Director + Team of Four Educators  
(Superintendent is encouraged to join all convenings along with their team)

**Purpose:** The focus of this cohort will be to deepen understanding of 21st century learning design to empower district teams to **lead and support as influential ambassadors** in your system's transformation.

To accommodate the unique needs of districts, there will be varied pathways for professional, collaborative learning.

Through membership in the 21st Century Learning Design Network, leadership teams will:

- **Learn** within a statewide network committed to implementing 21st century learning experiences for every student.
- **Unpack** the district's vision for 21st century learning—Portrait of a Graduate—to inform the development of a system-wide instructional framework.
- **Build** leadership capacity to support teachers in designing and implementing deeper learning for all students.
- **Assess** system readiness to inform strategy and for monitoring progress.
- **Support** teachers in self-assessment and reflection.
- **Develop** balanced assessment strategies aligned to 21st century learning.

**District teams convene for five all-day onsite sessions throughout the school year**

*"Great educators can work within the constraints of the system and still create innovative learning opportunities for their students."*

—George Couros, *The Innovator's Mindset*

### Building a Strong Transformation Team

Consider the importance of system-wide distributed leadership to move the work forward. Select people serving in diverse roles who:

- Have a willingness to learn, unlearn, and relearn.
- Recognize and leverage strengths of others to build collective ownership and action.
- Actively listen and elicit diverse perspectives.
- Act as a visionary who uses forward thinking to build momentum and inspire positive action.
- Model and champion innovative 21st century learning.

# Calendar of Events

## AUG 8 Special Event

SOAR Superintendent + One Guest  
10AM–1PM @ Battelle for Kids



### Meet the Author

Ted Dintersmith, author of *What School Could Be: Insights and Inspiration from Teachers across America*, will be our first national guest speaker for the 2018–2019 SOAR Visionary Leaders Network.

This special event is for SOAR superintendents and one additional school district leader or board member. All participants will receive a copy of the book on August 8.



## VISIONARY LEADERS

Meets first Friday of every month



## 21ST CENTURY LEARNING DESIGN

Five onsite sessions per year | 9AM–3PM

## SEPT 14 Kickoff

SOAR Superintendent + Chief Academic Officer + District Team (Four Educators)  
9AM–3PM: Full network kickoff @ Location TBD

SOAR Superintendents | 8:30–11:30AM

**OCT 5**

SOAR Superintendents | 8:30–10:30AM

**NOV 9\***

Full network team with CAO/Curriculum Director  
(Optional for superintendent from 10:30AM–3PM)

SOAR Superintendents | 8:30–11:30AM

**DEC 7**

SOAR Superintendents | 8:30–10:30AM

**JAN 11\***

Full network team with CAO/Curriculum Director  
(Optional for superintendent from 10:30AM–3PM)

SOAR Superintendents | 8:30–11:30AM

**FEB 1**

SOAR Superintendents | 8:30–10:30AM

**MAR 1\***

Full network team with CAO/Curriculum Director  
(Optional for superintendent from 10:30AM–3PM)

SOAR Superintendents | 8:30–11:30AM

**APR 5**

SOAR Superintendents | 8:30–10:30AM

**MAY 3**

Full network team with CAO/Curriculum Director  
(Optional for superintendent from 10:30AM–3PM)

\*Tentative dates for national guest speakers: November, January, and March

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