



A Network of **Battelle**for**Kids**



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

EXPANDING WITH A SECOND COHORT!  
Participation is limited. Become a member by July 12, 2019.

## 2019–2020 Overview

SOAR Network districts automatically become members of our national network, EdLeader21. By engaging in these professional learning networks, you embark on a journey to create conditions where all students are equipped to thrive in the 21st century.



### NATIONAL NETWORK

Education leaders across the nation committed to building 21st century learning systems.



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### STATE NETWORK

Innovative school systems across Ohio committed to advancing 21st century learning.

**[BattelleforKids.org/Networks](https://BattelleforKids.org/Networks)**

*“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



## VISIONARY LEADERS NETWORK

*Superintendents only*

**Purpose:** Superintendents engage in both national and state peer-to-peer networking and thought leadership to redefine success, recapture the conversation in your local community, and ultimately create conditions where all students are equipped to thrive in the 21st century. 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, including the EdLeader21 annual event. **Available immediately upon SOAR membership.**
- Executive coaching virtual support from BFK team.
- Discussions with superintendents throughout the nation who have been engaged in this work with their districts.
- Engage in collaborative book study discussions.
- Implementation and capacity-building resources and access to a dynamic 21st century collaboration platform for ongoing networking.
- Site visits at Ohio schools engaged in this work.
- Selecting a district team to participate in the 21st Century Learning Design Network.

**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 Superintendent Chair,  
Granville Exempted Village Schools



## 21ST CENTURY LEARNING DESIGN NETWORK

*Superintendent, Chief Academic Officer/Curriculum Director + Team of Educators*

**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 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 (including principals, teacher leaders, and other key central office leaders) 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



## SOAR

Participation is limited for Cohort 2. Become a member by July 12, 2019.

**VISIONARY LEADERS**  
SOAR Superintendents meet every month

**21ST CENTURY LEARNING DESIGN**  
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<b>Thursday, August 1</b> <i>Special Event</i>	<p><i>Guest Speaker Dr. Pedro A. Noguera,</i> <b>Distinguished Professor of Education at UCLA and Faculty Director for The Center for the Transformation of Schools</b></p> <p>Superintendent, Chief Academic Officer, Board Member, and four additional seats are reserved for each SOAR district (attendees do not have to be members of the SOAR design team).</p>	
<b>September</b> <i>Full Team Kickoff</i> <b>Cohort 1: Friday, September 13</b> <b>Cohort 2: Thursday, September 12</b>	8:30-11:30AM, then join Design Team for afternoon	9AM-3PM: Design Team (Superintendent joins at 11:30AM)
<b>Friday, October 11</b> (both cohorts)	8:30-11:30AM Superintendents meet; Chief Academic Officers meet	
<b>Cohort 1: Friday, November 8</b> <b>Cohort 2: Thursday, November 7</b>	8:30-11:30AM, then join Design Team for afternoon	9AM-3PM: Design Team (Superintendent joins at 11:30AM)
<b>Friday, December 6</b> (both cohorts)	8:30-11:30AM Superintendents meet; Superintendents meet; Chief Academic Officers meet	
<b>Cohort 1: Friday, January 10</b> <b>Cohort 2: Thursday, January 9</b>	8:30-11:30AM, then join Design Team for afternoon	9AM-3PM: Design Team (Superintendent joins at 11:30AM)
<b>Friday, February 7</b> (both cohorts)	8:30-11:30AM Superintendents meet; Chief Academic Officers meet	
<b>Cohort 1: Friday, March 6</b> <b>Cohort 2: Thursday, March 5</b>	8:30-11:30AM, then join Design Team for afternoon	9AM-3PM: Design Team (Superintendent joins at 11:30AM)
<b>Friday, April 3</b> (both cohorts)	8:30-11:30AM Superintendents meet	
<b>Cohort 1: Friday, May 8</b> <b>Cohort 2: Thursday, May 7</b>	8:30-11:30AM, then join Design Team for afternoon	9AM-3PM: Design Team (Superintendent joins at 11:30AM)

Guest Speakers and Field Experiences will be scheduled throughout the year for Visionary Leaders.

## — Other Key Event Dates in 2019 —

**June 11–12: Columbus**

**Oct 2–4: Houston**

**Oct 24–26: Louisville**

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National Forum to  
**Advance Rural Education**