

New trustees, new leaders for Learning Forward board

Two new trustees have been elected to Learning Forward's board: **Shawn Joseph**, director of Metro Nashville Public Schools of Nashville, Tennessee, and **Wendy Robinson**, superintendent of Fort Wayne Community Schools in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Joseph and Robinson joined the board at the end of Learning Forward's Annual Conference in December.



Alan Ingram



Leigh Wall

education consultant of Midwest City, Oklahoma, assumed the office of president of the board, and **Leigh Wall**, superintendent of Santa Fe Independent School District in Santa Fe, Texas, became president-elect.

Scott Laurence is now past president. Other board members include: **Valeria Brown, Steve Cardwell, Sharon Contreras, and Monica Martinez.** **John Eyolfson**, who served as board president in 2016, ended his term on the board.

In addition, the board named new leaders. **Alan Ingram**,

MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Shawn Joseph

SHAWN JOSEPH

Shawn Joseph is an experienced educator who has fought for excellence and equity for every student he has served in his more than 20-year career. Joseph has served as a teacher, principal, district administrator, deputy superintendent, and superintendent.

Before moving to Nashville, he was the head of teaching and learning in Prince George's County Public Schools in Maryland. Before that, he was the superintendent of the Seaford County District in Seaford, Delaware.

He is also a published author and researcher, with articles in top peer-reviewed journals of education on topics like strategic planning and principal development. In 2012, Joseph published the book *The Principal's Guide to the First 100 Days of the School Year: Creating Instructional Momentum*.

He was responsible for enrolling his school system in Learning Forward's Student Success Learning Network (formerly Redesign PD Communities of Practice) and participates in the annual team convening.



Wendy Robinson

WENDY ROBINSON

In her 35 years with the Fort Wayne district, **Wendy Robinson** has served as a classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal, central office administrator, and deputy superintendent. She was appointed superintendent in July 2003.

Robinson is a Broad Academy Fellow and a recipient of the National Alliance of Black School Educators 2009 Joseph E. Hill Superintendent of the Year. She serves on numerous boards as an active member of her community and has formed partnerships with local agencies and businesses to increase educational opportunities.

Robinson was appointed to the Learning Forward Redesign PD Partnership in 2014. She is a former summer conference keynote speaker, conference presenter, and contributing author to Learning Forward journals and books. Robinson was selected this year by the state of Indiana as its 2018 Superintendent of the Year and was recently named as one of four finalists for AASA's (The School Superintendents Association) National Superintendent of the Year.

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