

# UPDATES

## PAUL FLEMING JOINS LEARNING FORWARD STAFF

Paul Fleming has joined Learning Forward as senior vice president of states and standards. Fleming is part of the internal team launching the revision of the Standards for Professional Learning and provides consulting services on leadership and state-level initiatives.

Fleming is also leading Learning Forward's work in piloting a Title IIA tool kit designed to support states and districts in using federal funds for high-quality instructional materials and aligned professional learning to achieve equitable outcomes.



Paul Fleming

Fleming recently served as assistant commissioner for the Teachers and Leaders Division at the Tennessee Department of Education. In that role, Fleming led the Tennessee Teacher Leader

Network, which consisted of 62 districts; the Tennessee Transformational Leadership Alliance, which fostered nine innovative principal pipeline models with 23 districts across the state; and a three-year microcredential pilot with more than 800 teachers designed to increase personalized professional learning.

Previously, he was a social studies teacher at the middle and high school levels and principal at Hume-Fogg Magnet High School in Nashville, Tennessee. Hume-Fogg has been ranked as one of the top 50 public high schools in the United States since 2006 and was named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2011 by the U.S. Department of Education.

Fleming also served as an adjunct faculty member at Vanderbilt and is a graduate of the Leadership, Policy, and Organization doctoral program at Vanderbilt.



Here are the members of Learning Forward's board of trustees. Back row, from left: Mark Elgart, Ash Vasudeva, Steve Cardwell, Shawn Joseph, and Segun Eubanks. Front row, from left: Wendy Robinson, Leigh Wall, Sue Sarber, and Linda Chen.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES TRANSITIONS AND UPDATES

Five new board members join Learning Forward's board of trustees this year:

- **Linda Chen**, chief academic officer at the New York City Department of Education;
- **Mark Elgart**, president and CEO of Cognia (formerly AdvancED);
- **Segun Eubanks**, professor of practice and director of the Center for Education Innovation and Improvement at the University of Maryland College Park;
- **Sue Sarber**, supervisor of professional learning for Arlington (Virginia) Public Schools; and
- **Ash Vasudeva**, vice president of strategic initiatives at Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

As of the close of the 2019 Annual Conference, Steve Cardwell became the board president. Cardwell is vice president, students at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada.

Wendy Robinson, superintendent of Fort Wayne Community Schools in Indiana, is president-elect. Leigh Wall, superintendent of Santa Fe Independent School District in Texas, remains on the board as past president. Shawn Joseph continues his term on the board.

Leaving the board is Alan Ingram, the past president who led Learning Forward through the leadership transition when former Executive Director Stephanie Hirsh retired. Valeria Brown, Sharon Contreras, and Monica Martinez also leave the board with the expiration of their three-year terms.