UPDATES

LEARNING FORWARD RECEIVES OHIO NETWORKS GRANT

Learning Forward was awarded a 17-month grant from the Ohio Department of Education to co-design and build the Networked Learning Community for RemotEDx, a portfolio of remote, hybrid, and blended education programs and practices.

Learning Forward will facilitate a statewide community of practice to connect RemotEDx stakeholders and share best practices to advance remote education and successful implementation. Learning Forward will also lead a networked improvement community with multiple districts working in continuous learning cycles centered on a shared remote learning problem of practice. Learning from the district teams will help inform the services and resources provided by RemotEDx.

In addition, Learning Forward will co-design the RemotEDx Professional Learning Academy, offering expert professional learning content as well as a built-in mechanism for sharing lessons learned and promising practices.

The RemotEDx Networked Learning Community is made possible through funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act. If your state or district would like to talk with Learning Forward about setting up a similar initiative, contact chief policy officer Melinda George (melinda.george@ learningforward.org).

Welcome to Machel Mills-Miles

Machel Mills-Miles is Learning Forward's new vice president, standards implementation and outreach. Mills-Miles will contribute to the conceptualization and development of tools and resources to support the use of revised Standards for Professional Learning. The first phase of the standards suite of materials will be released next year.

Mills-Miles formerly served as senior learning strategist at BloomBoard, facilitating the use of microcredentials to support professional learning plans in district, state, and regional contexts. Previously, she worked at the Tennessee Department of Education to lead a statewide pilot for microcredentials within an overall professional learning systems project, serving as a partner to external organizations.

She also played a key role in Tennessee's Diversity Innovation Grant, Human Capital Network, Teacher Leader Network, New Teacher Induction Framework, and Professional Learning Systems Framework. In each project, she worked to ensure alignment with Learning Forward's Standards for Professional Learning.

Machel Mills-Miles

Mills-Miles worked in Metro Nashville Public Schools as district lead coach for literacy, supporting more than 120 coaches districtwide, and earlier as instructional/ literacy coach in direct support of teachers. She began her education career as an English language arts teacher.

Mills-Miles holds degrees in cognitive science from Northwestern University and teaching and learning in urban schools from Vanderbilt University.

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Preconference presenters include Thomas Guskey, Marcia Tate, Michael Fullan, Zaretta Hammond, Nancy Frey, Doug Fisher, Joellen Killion, and Jim Knight.

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