UPDATES

Learning Forward's board of trustees, left to right: Nader Twal, Linda Chen, Ash Vasuveda, Segun Eubanks, Sue Sarber, Wendy Robinson, Denise Augustine, and Mark Elgart.

New roles for Learning Forward board members

Nader Twal, program administrator in the Long Beach Unified School District's Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development, has joined Learning Forward's board of trustees for a three-year term. Twal is a graduate of the Learning Forward Academy, was a member of the Standards Advisory Council, and is a former columnist for *The Learning Professional.*

Ash Vasudeva, senior vice president at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, is the new board president, and Sue Sarber, retired director of professional learning for Arlington (Virginia) Public Schools, is president-elect.

Retaining their seats on the board for the next three years are: Segun Eubanks, past president and professor of practice and director of the Center for Education and Innovation and Improvement in the College of Education at the University of Maryland, College Park; Denise Augustine, superintendent of Indigenous education for the Ministry of Education in Victoria, British Columbia; Linda Chen, senior deputy superintendent of academics for Boston Public Schools; Mark Elgart, president and chief executive officer of Cognia; and Wendy Robinson, retired superintendent of Fort Wayne (Indiana) Community Schools.

WEBINARS FOCUS ON CRITICAL TOPICS IN PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

From March through June, Learning Forward will host webinars every other Thursday on critical topics in professional learning. Topics include strategies for retaining great teachers, similarities and differences between coaching and mentoring, educator wellness strategies, evaluating professional learning through the Standards Assessment Inventory, and planning professional learning for the 2023-24 school year. Check out the full list of upcoming webinars at **learningforward.org/webinars/**

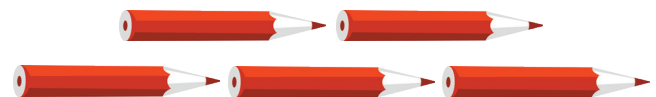## NETWORK SUPPORTS CURRICULUM-BASED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Learning Forward is designing a network focused on curriculum-based professional learning. With support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the network will support districts building educator capacity to implement high-quality curricula.

The network will be anchored in Learning Forward's Standards for Professional Learning as well as the principles set forth in the reports *The Elements: Transforming Teaching Through Curriculum-Based Professional Learning* (Carnegie Corporation, 2020) and *Curriculum-Based Professional Learning: The State of the Field* (Center for Public Research and Leadership, 2022).

Learning Forward will invite nine district teams to participate in the network. Working collaboratively, the teams will use a continuous improvement process over the 2023-24 academic year to support their middle school math curriculum implementation so that all students have the opportunity to engage in meaningful learning.

An advisory team with expertise in math instruction, equity, professional learning, and curriculum implementation will provide input to Learning Forward as it refines the network design and plans to support the participating districts.

For more information, contact Michelle Bowman, vice president of networks & continuous improvement, at **michelle.bowman@learningforward.org.**

CONFERENCE TEAM REVIEWS 2023 SESSION PROPOSALS

Learning Forward's conference team is scoring the 740 session proposals submitted for the 2023 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. If you submitted a proposal, be sure to add **learningforward.org** to your safe senders list to ensure you get updates from the conference team. Notifications will be sent via email in May 2023.

Visit the conference proposal site at **lfp. learningforward.org** to check the status of your proposal, print and download a PDF of your proposal, sign your presenter agreement, and check session registration numbers if selected for the 2023 program.