

Best Practices in Using Assessment to Monitor and Support the Recovery

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Overview

- Quick intro to the Reidy Interactive Lecture Series
- Why this topic?
- Overview of the Conference





The Reidy Interactive Lecture Series

Named for a famous Kentucky educational leader, Ed Reidy, RILS brings together **participants** with a range of expertise to wrestle with difficult challenges in search of practical solutions or promising approaches. Participants are **encouraged** to **participate**!







Goal of RILS

- The purpose of RILS is to engage in discussions around a problem of practice
- Goal of RILS 2022:
 - Understand what various assessments are telling us about the scope of the pandemic
 - Learn how exemplary state and district leaders are responding
 - Explore how assessments can both monitor learning and recovery and, more importantly, support learning and teaching
 - Discuss how we can evaluate which learning recovery strategies are working and which are not and point out which schools may need additional support to succeed.



Why this Topic?

- In many ways, it should be obvious. Learning recovery/acceleration for both academics and student wellbeing are unprecedented challenges for our educational systems.
- And we are the National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment!
- Therefore, we recognized the need to share our (and many others) ideas for how assessment and accountability can be used to support student and school recovery.



Are We Lost?

- There are so many interim, state, and now national assessment results now published.
- How should education stakeholders make sense of the various results to understand the effect of the pandemic on student learning?





NAEP Long-term Trends for 9-Year-Old Students

- Is NAEP "the truth?"
- Since the "main (state) NAEP" will soon be released, there will be at least two "truths."
- NAEP is an important and high-quality source of information, but policymakers and education leaders need to make sense of multiple sources of information, but not to cherry-pick!





We Need An Education Marshall Plan!

- Like the massive US investment in Europe after WWII, we need the education equivalent to help students accelerate their learning at rates and at a scale we have not seen previously.
- ESSER funds will expire by September 2024. States will need to continue this work!
- Speaking of acceleration...



Dale Carlson's (2002) Four Quadrants of School Quality



Dale viewed acceleration as the Holy Grail of school effectiveness. We do not have many examples of improving the growth rates of students within schools for sustained periods. The instructional and organizational challenges are considerable, and the measurement/assessment issues are difficult as well. That's why we are here!







Assessment and Accountability to Monitor and Support Learning Recovery: Day 1

- 9:00 Best Practices in Using Assessment to Monitor and Support the Recovery
- 9:15 From Impact to Recovery: How Pandemic Studies Help Inform Recovery Efforts
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Framing Pandemic Impact and Recovery: District Perspectives
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:15 Focusing on the Formative Assessment Processes to Accelerate Learning
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 How Do We Know If Recovery Strategies Are Working?
- 4:30 Adjourn Day One
- 5:30 Reception 3rd floor balcony





Assessment and Accountability to Monitor and Support Learning Recovery: Day 2

- 9:00 Monitoring Progress: But how do you know?
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 The Role of State Accountability and Reporting to Support Recovery
- 11:45 Closing Remarks
- Noon Lunch and Adjourn





Who's Here?

- States leaders and assessment/accountability personnel
- Districts leaders and assessment/accountability personnel
- Assessment Companies
- Teachers and Principals
- Consulting Firms/TA Providers/Advocates
- Universities/Research Institutions
- Center for Assessment Board of Directors





Tonight

• Please join us this evening for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 on the third floor balcony







Thank You!

- To all of you for joining us!
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