



Midwestern Legislative Conference

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

MLC EDUCATION & WORKFORCE COMMITTEE

InterContinental Saint Paul Riverfront | Saint Paul, Minnesota

Preliminary Agenda

Sen. Jana Hughes, Nebraska, Co-Chair | Rep. Bernie Perryman, Minnesota, Co-Chair |
Rep. Mari-Lynn Poskin, Kansas, Vice Chair

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 | Committee Meeting | Kellogg I & II, Lobby Level

2:30 – 2:40 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

2:40 – 3:30 p.m. Increasing Postsecondary Attainment in States' Workforces and Improving Postsecondary ROI

State education leaders across the nation have established goals to increase rates of postsecondary attainment to advance their state workforces, whether through obtaining a college degree or industry credential. Several states are still working toward their current target goals while others are setting new goals to achieve by 2040. In cooperation with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, this session will explore promising new approaches to improve attainment and meet states' current and future workforce needs. As part of this session, participants will learn about recent steps being taken by Midwestern states to improve the return on investment that students gain from pursuing postsecondary education/training.

Speakers:

Dr. John Burczek Dreier, Vice President of Policy and Research, Midwestern Higher Education Compact

Emily Goldman, First Assistant Deputy Governor for Education, Illinois

Brandy Johnson, President, Michigan Community College Association

3:30 – 3:40 p.m. Q&A

3:40 – 4:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion & Committee Business

Other sessions on education and workforce policy

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 | Keynote Session | Minnesota Ballroom, Lower Level

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. A Hopeful Vision for Teaching and Learning

In this keynote address, Sal Khan will use his extensive experience and thorough research to break down how states and schools can harness the power of new technologies such as AI to improve education — from giving every student an amazing personal tutor and every teacher an intelligent teaching assistant, to exploring different methods of learning for all of our young people.

Speaker:

Sal Khan, CEO, Khan Academy

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 | Plenary Session | *Minnesota Ballroom, Lower Level*

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. MLC Chair’s Initiative: Literacy in Action

State Superintendent Carey Wright’s leadership helped dramatically improve reading scores in Mississippi — a state where students had long underperformed. Through a combination of new content standards, new statewide assessment and a new accountability model, Mississippi became a national model for policymakers working to improve student literacy comprehension. In this session, Dr. Wright will provide insight on how legislators and education leaders can work together to craft successful literacy interventions and will discuss the reform efforts taking place in her new home state, Maryland.

Speaker:

Dr. Carey Wright, Maryland State Superintendent of Schools

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 | Learning Lab | *Kellogg I, Lobby Level*

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Reading Proficiency Takes Practice — and Practice Takes Time: Helping Families Build More Reading Time at Home (presented by Fredrickson Government Relations)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 | Learning Lab | *Kellogg I, Lobby Level*

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. AI in the Classroom: Opportunities and Watch Outs for Teachers and Learners (presented by AAAS)