

# 2019 SREB Meeting of Legislative and Governors' Staff

Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center  
Atlanta, Georgia  
September 26-27

## Agenda

*All Meeting Sessions in Conference A (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)*

**Thursday, September 26 (1:00pm - 5:00pm)**

### Introduction and Welcome

### Panel Discussion: Maintaining Continuity and Institutional Knowledge in the Face of Change and Turnover

A conversation with and for guests on professional staffers' role in, and the challenges of, providing institutional memory, ensuring continuity and delivering nonpartisan expertise in a partisan environment.

*Lee Posey, SREB Vice President of State Services*

### State Issues Group Discussion

An interactive session for guests to discuss education policy issues of interest and areas of common concern across SREB states and to identify the top issues that will be raised in state legislatures in 2020.

*Jeffrey Grove, SREB Program Specialist*

### A Unified Vision for Workforce

*Stephen Pruitt, SREB President*

### A Changing Workforce

*Meagan Crowe, SREB Policy Analyst*

### Leveraging Programs to Achieve a Unified Workforce

*Kim Anderson, SREB Senior Policy Researcher*

## Digital Skills and Access for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning

Small group discussions to explore:

1. Equitable broadband access in rural areas.
2. The importance of integrating digital literacy across the curriculum.
3. How much bandwidth is enough to support digital learning?

*Wanda Barker, SREB Education Technology and Multistate Cooperative Programs Director*

*Tiffany Harrison, SREB Education Technology and Multistate Cooperative Research Associate*

**Friday, September 27 (8:30am - 12:30pm)**

## Education Human Capital: Reversing Current Teacher Workforce Challenges

How SREB's customized research and roundtable convenings can help state leaders and policymakers improve human capital policy.

*Megan Boren, SREB Program Specialist*

*Matthew Smith, SREB Research Associate*

## Better Supports, Better Success: How can Schools Provide More Effective Student Supports to Increase Achievement?

Data show that schools need to address the social and emotional well-being of students — how are states addressing this? Discussion will highlight actions schools and districts have taken to support students dealing with trauma, suicide, and other burdens that negatively impact their success.

*Scott Warren, SREB Making Schools Work Division Director*

## Free and Low-Cost Resources for Dual-Enrollment Students

Focus group discussion to dive into specifics about open educational resources using interactive audience polling, centered around open educational resource legislation and initiatives targeting early college and dual enrollment students.

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## What Can We Do About Dual Enrollment?

Dual enrollment continues to be a thorny issue for policymakers as its cost continues to rise, yet the value to students and families continues to increase as it helps students' college preparedness and offsets growing tuition costs. Participants will help SREB identify major dual enrollment concerns in their states as well as promising policies that address key issues.

*Cheryl Blanco, SREB Postsecondary Education Vice President*

## Thinking Systemically for a Changing Economy

This interactive session will build off the Unified Vision for Workforce session on day 1 and draw together the lessons of the other sessions, examining how leaders in SREB states can adapt the practices of leading education systems around the globe and align their resources to realize systemic economic improvement.

*Kim Anderson, SREB Senior Policy Researcher*  
*Stephen Pruitt, SREB President*