

## Making Connections: School Improvement Strategies

April 15, 2013

6:00–7:00 p.m.

### Agenda

6:00–6:03 p.m.

#### Welcome and Introductions

- **REL Midwest:** Dean Gerdeman, Ph.D., Acting Director, REL Midwest

6:03–6:08 p.m.

#### Event Overview

- **Moderator:** Susan Therriault, Ed.D., Senior Research Analyst, American Institutes for Research

6:08–6:23 p.m.

#### Discussion of School Improvement Strategy #1-*Defining the Problem: Using Data to Inform Action*

- **Research Expert:** Samuel Stringfield, Ph.D., Professor and Director, School of Education, University of Cincinnati
- **American Institutes for Research Presenter:** Jessica Johnson, Managing Director for District and School Improvement, American Institutes for Research
- **Local Practitioner:** Elaine Lawless, Principal, North Franklin Elementary School, Franklin, Ohio
- **Ohio Department of Education Presenter:** Pam VanHorn, Director, Ohio Network for Innovation and Improvement, Ohio Department of Education

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#### Response to School Improvement Strategy #2- *Vision and Focus: Building a committed and engaged staff and the importance of strong leadership*

- **Research Expert:** Samuel Stringfield, Ph.D., Professor and Director, School of Education, University of Cincinnati

- ***American Institutes for Research Presenter:*** Jessica Johnson, Managing Director for District and School Improvement, American Institutes for Research
- ***Local Practitioner:*** Elaine Lawless, Principal, North Franklin Elementary School, Franklin, Ohio
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**Response to School Improvement Strategy #3- *Systems, Structures, and Coherence***

- ***Research Expert:*** Samuel Stringfield, Ph.D., Professor and Director, School of Education, University of Cincinnati
- ***American Institutes for Research Presenter:*** Jessica Johnson, Managing Director for District and School Improvement, American Institutes for Research
- ***Local Practitioner:*** Elaine Lawless, Principal, North Franklin Elementary School, Franklin, Ohio
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**Concluding Remarks**

7:00–8:00 p.m.

**Mix and Mingle With Panel Members**