

# Webinar Agenda: Understanding What Influences Teacher Mobility

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**Friday, November 15, 2019**  
**11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. MT**

Please join us for a REL Central webinar discussing trends in educator workforce mobility. Presenters from REL Central will provide an overview of two REL Central reports: *Teacher Retention, Mobility, and Attrition in Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota*; and *Factors Related to Teacher Mobility and Attrition in Colorado, Missouri, and South Dakota*. In addition, Carolyn Haug from the Colorado Department of Education will share insights as a practitioner interpreting the reports to inform policy and program. Finally, Desiree Carver-Thomas from the Learning Policy Institute will offer examples of state and local programs and initiatives supported by research to improve teacher retention.

By participating in this webinar, you will gain an understanding of

- the two REL Central reports and the research on teacher retention and mobility; and
- the research supporting state and local teacher retention initiatives.

## Agenda

### **11:00–11:05 a.m. Introduction to the Webinar**

*Facilitators: Mike Siebersma (REL Central)*

Siebersma will provide an overview of the webinar platform features, webinar resources, and the webinar goals. He will also introduce the speakers.

### **11:05–11:30 a.m. Why This Study?**

*Presenter: Siebersma*

Siebersma will provide an overview of research on teacher retention, mobility, and attrition. In addition, he will discuss the needs of the REL Central region that prompted the study and provide a national context for research on teacher workforce dynamics. Participants will take part in a poll on the importance of these issues in their work.



### **11:30–11:45 a.m. Overview of Teacher Mobility Reports**

*Presenter: Stephen Meyer (REL Central)*

Meyer will provide background on the study’s methods, data sources, and limitations. He will then discuss the key findings highlighted in the two reports.

### **11:45–11:55 a.m. Interpretation of Study Findings**

*Presenter: Carolyn Haug (Colorado Department of Education)*

Haug will describe the co-interpretation process and highlight examples of findings and insights from the reports that could inform policy and programs in Colorado.

### **11:55 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Examination of Examples of State and Local Teacher Retention Policies and Programs Aligned to Research**

*Facilitator: Mike Siebersma*

*Presenter: Desiree Carver-Thomas (Learning Policy Institute)*

Carver-Thomas will share examples of state and local policies and programs and elicit example programs and policies from participants. Following Carver-Thomas’s presentation, Siebersma will facilitate questions and answers with participants and presenters. Siebersma will close the presentation and providing information on how to access the webinar resources and recording. Participants will take a brief feedback survey to help improve future webinars.

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