

## **Understanding the Importance of Early Literacy for Improving Student Outcomes**

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### **Presented by**

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| <b>5 minutes</b>  | <b>Welcome and Overview of REL Pacific</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>20 minutes</b> | <b>Overview of REL Pacific's Work with Early Literacy Partnerships in the Pacific Region</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. D'Amelio will provide information on REL Pacific's current work in early literacy within the Pacific Region.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>20 minutes</b> | <b>Evidence-Based Research on Early Literacy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. D'Amelio will discuss the importance of early literacy and will discuss specific challenges students in the Pacific region may face relative to achieving early literacy and the effects this may have on later student outcomes.</li><li>• Ms. D'Amelio will provide an overview of influencing factors on early literacy, as well as evidence-based successful practices and strategies that educators can use to support their students in achieving early literacy.</li><li>• Ms. D'Amelio will discuss research on teaching strategies to support early literacy skills development.</li></ul> |
| <b>15 minutes</b> | <b>Question and Answer Session/Stakeholder Feedback Survey</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |