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# Fall Convening

# AGENDA

5 October 2022 | 2:00-3:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting <https://wested.zoom.us/j/95026036004>

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- I. ***Welcome & Introductions*** (10 minutes)  
Mayor John Giles, City of Mesa, Chair
  
- II. ***Municipal Updates & Sharing*** (30 minutes)  
Mayors, staff members, and education leaders  
Confirmed members:  
Casa Grande – Mayor Craig McFarland, Anna Battle, Adam Leckie, Joel Villegas  
Fountain Hills – Mayor Ginny Dickey  
Mesa – Mayor John Giles, Lisa Cartwright-Harris, Sarah Tolar  
Miami – Mayor Sammy Gonzales  
Phoenix – Valerie Churchwell, Clark Princell, Tim Valencia  
Sahuarita – Mayor Tom Murphy, Manuel Valenzuela  
Superior – Mayor Mila Besich, Arlynn Godinez, Hank Gutierrez  
Tempe – Naomi Farrell, Marie Raymond  
  
Arizona Community Foundation – Anne Medina-Doak, Glenn Wike  
Collaborative Communications – Ian Hickox, Kris Kurtenbach  
Education Forward Arizona – Erin Hart, Rich Nickel
  
- III. ***Presentation: Chronic Absenteeism in Arizona*** (40 minutes)  
This statewide study of Arizona schools, co-developed by WestEd and the Helios Education Foundation, documents K–8 trends in student absences, which student groups and grade levels have the highest rates of chronic absence, and how rates compare across districts before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.  
Speakers:  
**Lenay Dunn**, PhD, Project Director and Senior Researcher, WestEd  
**Paul G. Perrault**, PhD, Senior Vice President, Community Impact and Learning, Helios Education Foundation  
**Report:** [Chronic Absenteeism in Arizona: A Description of K-8 Trends 2017-2021](#)