



Expert Directory Listing

Expertise: Broad Prize districts, successful district policies and practices to improve urban student achievement

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Ledyard McFadden is the founder and chairman of SchoolWorks, an educational consulting company that seeks to advance student learning by building the capacity of educators and educational institutions to assess, plan for and achieve student success. SchoolWorks has partnered with The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation on The Broad Prize for Urban Education to conduct the site visits of the five finalist urban school districts and provide analysis of the best education practices of these districts. McFadden, who has nearly two decades of experience in education, has been instrumental in developing and implementing charter school renewal protocols for the Massachusetts Department of Education, the New York State Education Department, the Indianapolis mayor's office, the New York Charter Schools Institute and the New Hampshire Department of Education. From 2002 to 2004, he assisted in the development and implementation of Philadelphia's school accountability system for the Philadelphia School Reform Commission. He has served on multiple school quality reviews and has provided strategic support and guidance to charter schools, public school districts, departments of education and other educational organizations throughout the country, including support in developing improvement teams for urban schools. Earlier in his career, McFadden taught high school and ESL then went on to co-found the Bridge School in Chelsea, Mass. In 1995, he became the director of finance and operations for the City on a Hill Charter School in Boston. Later, he served as the Northeast regional manager for Beacon Education Management. McFadden holds a masters in education from Harvard University.

Professional experience:

- 10 years experience in current position
- 10 years experience in the company/organization
- 19 years experience in the industry