

Nebraska Talks

Full Service Community Schools

3 Hours | **3 Conversations**

September 10, 2021

8:00 – 11:00 AM CDT

A free half-day virtual event designed to help school administrators, community partners and afterschool leaders learn about full-service community schools.

8:00 AM: Join this conversation about seizing the moment and creating opportunities for students and families that are possible through [ESSER III](#) and related acts. This funding enables Nebraska school districts to promote safe school operations and equity-driven, sustainable, evidence-based programs to serve students, especially those who are the furthest from opportunity.

[Dr. Tony Smith](#), former Superintendent of Schools for Oakland CA, Illinois State Superintendent of Education, and the CEO and founder of Whyspeople, supports school and community leaders working to create thriving communities. Tony is committed to creating healthy public systems that fully develop the whole child, whole school, and whole community.

[Dr. Matthew L. Blomstedt](#) is a native Nebraskan and the Nebraska Commissioner of Education. Commissioner Blomstedt's priorities focus on local, regional, statewide, and national education issues. It is his vision to ensure that the Nebraska education system advances student-centered experiences.

9:00 AM: Join the Full-Service Community Schools Demonstration Project to discuss *What I Wish I Knew Then*. The team will talk with Tony Smith about the reality of this work and the lessons they have learned from experience. The team from Lincoln Public Schools includes Nola Derby-Bennet, Director, Lincoln Community Learning Centers

Dayna Krannawitter, Arnold Elementary (Experienced School Community Coordinator)

Pam Hale, Norwood Park (Experienced CLC Principal)

Haroon Al Hayder, Lincoln High School (New School Community Coordinator)

Jason Shanahan, Mickle Middle School, (New CLC Principal)

10:00 AM: Join this panel discussion as they talk with Tony Smith about the potential and the reality of full-service community schools in Nebraska.

Dr. Steve Joel, Superintendent, Lincoln Public Schools

Dr. Tawana Grover, Superintendent, Grand Island Public Schools

Kyle McGowan, Former Superintendent, Crete Public Schools

Mariella Resendiz Alvarado, State Coordinator, Full-Service Community Schools at the Nebraska Department of Education