

**First Annual National Forum**  
**Advancing Pandemic Recovery by Bringing Research and Practice Together**

May 31, 2023 – June 1, 2023  
American Institutes for Research  
1400 Crystal Drive, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Arlington, VA

**Goal**

- Engage a community of policymakers, leaders, practitioners, and researchers focused on supporting the acceleration of learning in schools and districts throughout the nation, by:
  - Identifying strategies and challenges,
  - Conducting reviews and primary research to build evidence on acceleration strategies, and
  - Disseminating information about evidence-based strategies in readily actionable communications.

**Objectives**

- Discuss needs of policymakers and practitioners and provide an overview of rigorous research on student engagement and learning acceleration strategies.
- Create opportunities for dialogue about accelerating student learning in terms of needs, experiences, research, and emerging findings between policymakers, leaders, practitioners, and researchers.
- Increase access to emerging research evidence from student learning acceleration related research – conducted by both the Network’s Core Research Teams and Network Lead’s evidence syntheses.
- Connect participants to available and upcoming resources created by the RESTART Network for use by practitioners.

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**Day 1: Agenda | May 31, 2023 | 1:00pm – 6:00pm ET**

Time (ET)	Title
1:00 pm	<i>Registration</i>
1:30 pm	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>
2:15 pm	<b>Session 1 - Student Connectedness and the Implications for Accelerated Learning</b>
3:45 pm	<i>Break</i>
4:00 pm	<b>Session 2 – Needs of the Field: Small Group Discussions</b>

5:00 pm	<b>Reflections and Planning for Tomorrow</b>
5:35 pm	<b>Reception</b>
6:15 pm	<b>End of Day 1</b>

## Day 2: Agenda | June 1, 2023 | 9:15am – 4:30pm ET

Time (ET)	Title
8:30 am	Registration (new participants)
9:15 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Preview</b>
9:30 am	<b>Session 3 - Early Findings on Common Strategies for Accelerating Learning</b>
11:15 am	<b>Break</b>
11:30 am	<b>Session 4 – Small Group Topical Discussions</b>
12:45 pm	<b>Share Out and Discussion</b>
1:00 pm	<b>Working Lunch – Consultation Blocks &amp; RESTART Network Resource</b>
1:35 pm	<b>Session 5 – Charting our Ecosystem of Resources and Needs</b>
2:40 pm	<b>Session 6 – Students Discuss Their Post-Pandemic Onset School Experiences</b>
3:30 pm	<b>Closing Remarks and Wrap-Up</b>
4:30 pm	<b>End of Day 2</b>