



review board

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Roger Sampson is president of the Education Commission of the States, a non-partisan organization that brings together key leaders—governors, legislators, chief state school officers, higher education officials, business leaders and others—to work side-by-side to improve education. Previously, Sampson was commissioner of the Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development. Sampson has served in a variety of roles and positions in public schools in both rural and urban Alaska.

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Kim Smith* is co-founder and CEO of Bellwether Education Partners, a non-profit organization working to improve educational outcomes for low-income students. After serving as a founding

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