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**Piedad Robertson** most recently served as president of the Education Commission of the States, an interstate compact created in 1965 to improve public education by facilitating the exchange of information, ideas and experiences among state policymakers and education leaders. Robertson also served as president of Santa Monica Community College and as Massachusetts secretary of education for four years.

**Andy Rotherham** is co-founder and co-director of Education Sector, an independent national education policy think tank. In 1998, Rotherham launched the 21st Century Schools Project at the Progressive Policy Institute, which he directed until 2005, and focused on improving teacher quality, public school choice, special education, and modernizing the federal role in education. Rotherham previously served as special assistant to the president for domestic policy during the Clinton Administration.

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