It is time to build an education system on the core principle that all students can succeed and be ready for the next step in their learning, the workforce, and life. K-12 education must transform to align with the needs of learners and the knowledge and skills they will need to fulfill their dreams.

This briefing will provide a national overview of developments in the field of competency-based education across K-12 education and highlight ways in which education can prepare students for success in postsecondary education, work, and life.

The briefing will include a discussion on the future of education with federal policy priorities for aligning K-12 education to meet the demands of the future workforce. National experts, state leaders, and district leaders will share the latest research, developments, and trends to help participants understand what competency education looks like in practice, how it can advance equity, and what federal policymakers can do to ensure states and localities have the flexibility and supports they need to build high-quality, equitable systems. The briefing will address implications for teacher preparation in the Higher Education Act, as well as implementation considerations for the Every Student Succeeds Act and Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins V).

11:45am  Registration open with lunch available

12:00pm  Welcome and Introduction
Betsy Brand, Executive Director, AYPF
Susan Patrick, President and Chief Executive Officer, iNACOL

12:05pm  Setting the Context: Overview of CBE, the National Landscape, and Key Policy Issues
Susan Patrick, President and Chief Executive Officer, iNACOL
Maria Worthen, Vice President for Federal & State Policy, iNACOL

12:15pm  Panel: State and District Voices-- Building Equitable, High-Quality Education Systems that Prepare Students for Postsecondary Success
Virgel Hammonds, Chief Learning Officer, KnowledgeWorks
Latoya Dixon, Director, Office of School Transformation, South Carolina Department of Education
Kelly Brady, Director, Instructional Support for Student-Centered Learning, Idaho State Department of Education
Bill Zima, Superintendent of Schools, Regional School Unit 2, Maine

Moderator  Panel discussion: Susan Patrick, President and Chief Executive Officer, iNACOL
Audience Q&A: Maria Worthen, Vice President for Federal & State Policy, iNACOL

1:00pm  Audience Q&A

1:30pm  Adjourn