



## Computer Science Work Group

**June 8, 2021, 3:30-5:00 p.m.**

### Members Present

Co-Chair Kathleen Kay, Co-Chair Jeff Weld, Wendy Batchelder, Dan Carver, David Collison, Samantha Dahlby, Jacquie Drey, Linda Fandel, Dan Greteman, Dee Hamlett, Denise Hoag, Wren Hoffman, Doug Jacobson, Samuel Padilla, Melissa Pettigrew, Kyle Rector, Ben Schafer, Lance Stonehocker, Joe Stutting, Beth Townsend, Timothy Urness

### Roll Call

Department of Education Computer Science Consultant Wren Hoffman facilitated the roll call of members.

### Welcome/Opening Remarks

Co-Chair Jeff Weld, Executive Director of the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council, welcomed everyone to the seventh and final Computer Science Work Group meeting, having clearly crossed the finish line with a draft recommendations report in hand.

Dr. Weld acknowledged the team for their efficient and professional approach to the project. He applauded how they zeroed in on key solutions right out of the gate. He noted by capturing experts and gathering their recommendations the first meeting was a robust brainstorm, which has persisted throughout. He expressed his hope that this is the first of many collaborations between members.

Dr. Weld shared that the recommendations and vision of the Iowa Computer Science Work Group mirrors the priorities defined in the national STEM strategic plan document, titled "Charting a Course of Success," a five-year non-partisan plan good through 2023 which involved several Iowans. The overarching priority is increasing diversity, equity and inclusion along with a work-based learning priority and a building computational literacy priority. This sets Iowa up again to lead. It is doubly rewarding to see divergent organizations come together for a convergent vision for the future.

### Draft Recommendations Report

Linda Fandel, the Governor's Liaison for Future Ready Iowa at the Iowa Department of Education, reviewed the draft recommendations report. The recommendations target high quality computer science for all students, target training a computer science teacher workforce and target embedding computer science in work-based learning striving for more digital literacy.

Ms. Fandel invited Work Group members to let her know of any errors, of any necessary fine tuning and whether the dates reflected in the document are correct.

While some suggested alterations were expressed during the meeting, Ms. Fandel invited Work Group members to contact her with any last thoughts in the next couple days. She noted that updated Iowa statistics will be coming and included in the report.

Ms. Fandel thanked everyone for walking through the report and providing their feedback. As the work with computer science is not yet done, she thanked everyone in advance for indulging her when she calls in the future to help more with computer science moving forward.



## Closure

Co-Chair Kathy Kay, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Principal Financial, thanked Ms. Fandel for leading this and for all she put into the report.

Ms. Kay also thanked everyone for all the time and work they invested in this project to get to this point. She indicated she was proud of the recommendations and grateful to be a part of this team. She noted that she is offering her help for the future and is sure all of the Work Group members will do the same.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.