

Kim Farris-Berg

presents

Trusting Teachers with School Success



Background

Kim Farris-Berg advocates for alternatives to current education policy trends, asking: What if trusting teachers, not controlling them, is the key to school success? She is lead author of *Trusting Teachers with School Success: What Happens When Teachers Call the Shots* (R&L Education 2012). Kim Farris-Berg, M.P.P. advocates for innovative policies and practices in support of teachers across the nation who seek or already have autonomy to collectively make the decisions influencing their school's success. Kim's work has appeared in Education Week, Kappan, EduWonk, ASCD's SmartBrief, and numerous major metro newspapers. Smart, friendly, and inspiring, Kim provides fresh insights that are rooted in the experiences of teachers who are using autonomy to pioneer new ways of teaching and learning.

Keynote Speaking

Breakout Sessions – Webinars

In her presentation, *Trusting Teachers with School Success*, Kim Farris-Berg challenges the audience to think in new ways about teachers' work, and gives real-life examples of schools where teachers have autonomy to collectively make the decisions influencing their school's success. Communicating findings from her book, Kim describes how teachers secure collective autonomy, what kinds of schools they create when they "call the shots," and the challenges and rewards associated with designing and managing schools. Kim engages each audience with customized information, providing specifics relevant to teachers, union leaders, central office administrators, or state and local policymakers. An experienced facilitator, Kim is ready to lead your constituents in a dialogue on this topic. She is also available to help your team move this from an idea to implementation.

"We know that the best chance to make schools what they could be is to trust the collective wisdom of teachers. Kim Farris-Berg has the knowledge, evidence and passion that could help turn that hope into a reality."

Adam Urbanski, Founding Director of the Teacher Union Reform Network (TURN) of AFT and NEA Locals

"Kim is a highly engaging and knowledgeable speaker. Her passion and commitment to creating a climate that supports teachers in leading schools and our profession is unparalleled. She inspires those who have the opportunity to work with her or hear her speak."

Lori Nazareno, Teacher Leader-in-Residence, Center for Teaching Quality and Co-Founder of Math and Science Leadership Academy

"I have worked with Kim in a number of settings, and she always brings current research and relevant insight into discussions of teacher leadership. She led a groundbreaking national webinar for us at NEA on Trusting Teachers, and the response from teachers across the country was enormously enthusiastic."

John Wright, Senior Policy Analyst, NEA Center for Great Public Schools

Previously keynoted for:



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