

## BROOKINGS Event Invitation

### Making schools work: How the science of learning can help students thrive

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. EST

Online: <https://www.brookings.edu/events/making-schools-work-how-the-science-of-learning-can-help-students-thrive/>

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As the divide between resourced and under-resourced schools grows—greatly exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic—what's working and what's not in education has been debated many times over in popular media and academic publications around the world. Many communities are forced to use a “horse and buggy” model of education, operating according to a “factory model” that emerged in the early 20th century to mold students for the industrial economy.

How can a change in educational mindset—not curricula—help students both thrive in standardized tests and develop a breadth of 21st century skills?

On November 9, the Center for Universal Education will host an online event to discuss the release of the book “[Making Schools Work: Bringing the Science of Learning to Joyful Classroom Practice](#),” which was written by teachers, school administrators, and scientists to create a model that will work in classroom. Grounded in insights on how human brains learn, the book examines how to co-construct and reimagine an optimal educational system for all children that is culturally responsive, inclusive, effective, and fun. A panel discussion including book co-author Kathy Hirsh-Pasek and leading colleagues will offer rich insights through a scientific lens about how to make schools work and cultivate an

educational practice of joyful teaching and deeper student learning.

Viewers can submit questions by emailing [events@brookings.edu](mailto:events@brookings.edu) or on Twitter using **#MakingSchoolsWork**.

### **Welcome**

**Rebecca Winthrop**, Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Universal Education, Brookings

### **Framing remarks**

**Pasi Sahlberg**, Educator, Teacher, and Author

### **Moderated discussion**

**Moderator: Angela Duckworth**, Co-Founder, Chief Scientist, and Board Member, Character Lab; Professor of Psychology, University of Pennsylvania

**Eduardo Escallon Largacha**, Founder of the Spanish Center and Dean of School of Education, Universidad de los Andes

**Kathy Hirsh-Pasek**, Senior Fellow, Center for Universal Education, Brookings; Stanley and Debra Lefkowitz Faculty Fellow, Department of Psychology, Temple University

**Carol Lautenbach**, Former Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Design, Godfrey-Lee Public Schools; Fellow, Steelcase Social Innovation Lab and Grand Rapids (MI) Community Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship

**Robert Pianta**, Batten Bicentennial Professor of Early Childhood Education, Professor of Psychology, and Founding Director of the Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning, University of Virginia

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