

Appendix 2.10 Design Team Resumes

Robin Gonzales has over 20 years of online learning and teacher development experience. Her work has centered around using blended and personalized learning and 21st Century Tools to address the diverse needs of today's learners. As the Director of Online Learning for the 3rd largest school district in the United States, Robin developed one of the largest online and blended learning programs in the nation. In this capacity she grew the Chicago Public Schools online and blended school program from 500 students to over 5,000 and increased pass rates from 38% to over 80% through the development and implementation of a teacher professional development and student skills program. As CEO of Zia Learning, Robin will lead the design, development and implementation of a comprehensive framework for teacher professional development. Illinois Prep will use this framework, and the accompanying evaluation tools, to provide support to teachers for the innovative practice of blended learning. Both the F2BI Framework and the Evaluation tool are based on over two decades of experience in blended and technology-rich classrooms and support the iNACOL Standards for High Quality Blended Teaching and Learning.

Ms. Gonzales will serve as the Head of School and Manager of the Virtual Programs.

Dave Edwards has designed and launched 4 blended and project-based learning charter schools in North Carolina. He previously served as the Chief Professional Learning and Development Officer for the North Carolina Virtual Public School, the 2nd largest state-run public online high school in the nation. He brings over 25 years of instructional technology and online learning design and administration to the Zia Learning team. His work also includes consulting and authoring for the International Association of K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL), where his work was focused on developing quality student outcomes metrics for full-time virtual charter schools.

Alanna Mays will serve as the Principal for Illinois Prep. Ms. Mays is an Illinois licensed administrator and brings a wealth of educational leadership to the school. She served as Director of the NASA Science Engineering Mathematics Aerospace Academy for 4 successful years. In addition, she has served as a Lead Coach for the New Teacher Center, Technology Specialist for Chicago Public Schools, Adult Educator in higher education and recently the Career and College Ready Director for Zia Learning. With over 15 years of educational administration experience and familiarity with the target student population for Illinois Prep, Alanna will provide overall responsibility and leadership in developing and evaluating high quality teaching and learning.

Dr. Hope Dugan's career spans 23 years as a North Carolina educator inclusive of both teacher and district leadership roles. As a district innovator for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, she led the design, implementation, and evaluation of digital learning programs including instructional design and professional development for online and blended learning. She was instrumental in the creation of the first

blended learning school (iMECK) and the fully virtual e-Learning Academy. Dr. Dugan will work collaboratively with the design team to ensure that curriculum and instructional practices meet state and national (iNACOL) standards for quality. In addition, her expertise in aligning innovative instructional practices with student needs will be instrumental in ensuring that students with special needs are identified and provided with appropriate support structures.

Jennifer Kolar-Burden has almost 15 years of digital education experience and has worked in all aspects of 21st Century education. She currently serves as the Director of Curriculum for Illinois Virtual School and has served as an online instructor and course developer. Jennifer continues to serve as a reviewer for Quality Matters, reviewing online courses for alignment to quality standards.

Her consulting specialties will include providing support to the Illinois Prep Board and Head of School in the initial design of:

- education program and institution management
- design, implementation and evaluation of digital education programs
- efficient curriculum planning, design and evaluation
- data analysis
- teacher hiring, mentoring and evaluation
- fostering positive team-oriented working environments
- building productive relationships with industry partners and clients
- long and short term curriculum and marketing strategies
- targeted professional development training
- program/project implementation and analysis

Upon successful charter approval, Jennifer will serve as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the school.

Jennifer Berezewski has almost 20 years of experience teaching math at the high school and post-secondary level. She led the product and content development group for Zia Learning for three years and now leads Zia's digital curriculum and PD implementation for districts. Jennifer's expertise in high school curriculum development and teacher preparation will be leveraged to build out the high school framework for teacher professional development at Illinois Prep. She will also serve as the lead professional development specialist for grades 9-12.