Mapping the Paths for Collaboration in Practice & Research

The final plenary will focus on prospects for increasing practitioner-researcher collaborations to improve outcomes for students. Using a moderated discussion format, the panelists will draw on their own experiences in this arena, as well as on the plenaries and sessions of the conference, to consider a range of issues relevant to such collaborations. Potential questions include: How may researchers and practitioners work together to define the problems for research and action? What approaches help navigate differing perspectives regarding timeliness of information, the value of different kinds of evidence, and the need for scientific rigor? How may research and disciplined inquiry be integrated as a core component of ongoing improvement efforts? The panelists will reflect on challenges in the field, highlight promising directions and opportunities, and explore implications for improvement efforts.