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Dr. Margarita Calderón, Professor Emerita, Johns Hopkins University has served on national language and literacy research panels. She is a consultant for the U.S. Department of Justice and Office of Civil Rights. Her research has been funded by USDOE, NIH, USDOL and Carnegie Corporation. She has over 100 publications. She works with Departments of Education and school districts to implement school-wide ExC-ELL, a comprehensive professional development program for teaching academic language, reading comprehension and writing skills integrated into all general education, dual language, and ESL, classrooms.

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Dr. Montenegro has been a math teacher, principal, Chief of Staff and Superintendent of Schools in Texas. He is an internationally recognized speaker and presenter of 100s of workshops, leadership development seminars, retreats and keynote speeches on SEL, mindfulness, effective instructional strategies. He has received numerous awards including: National Technology Savvy Superintendents Award, Texas Technology Superintendent of the Year award, State-Wide Texas Association for Bilingual Education (TABE) Honoree Award for Public Education, and the National LULAC Educator of the Year award. He also serves on several national boards including the New York City Leadership Academy (NYCLA), Transformative Educational Leadership (TEL board chair) and the Parent-Teacher Home Visits (PTHV). He serves as a volunteer for the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation working on projects in Brazil, El Salvador, Peru and Uganda. He obtained his masters from Stanford University and doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin.