Using Data and Research to Improve Education in Georgia

11:00 - 11:15  Introductions and Opening Remarks from Dean Mary Beth Walker

11:15 – 12:15 Learning from our Neighbors - How Florida and North Carolina have Leveraged Data and Collaborations with Researchers to Inform Policy
- Christy Hovanetz, Senior Policy Fellow, Foundation for Excellence in Education and former Assistant Deputy Commissioner in Florida
- Clara Muschkin, Director, North Carolina Education Data Center
- Q&A

12:15 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 Transforming Data Into Knowledge - Georgia’s University-Based Researchers
- Kevin Fortner, Dan Kreisman, Tim Sass and David Sjoquist GSU
- Ben Scafidi, KSU
- Christopher Cornwell and David Mustard, UGA
- Q&A

2:00 – 2:15 Break

2:15 – 3:15 The Foundation for Data Driven Decision-making - Georgia's GAAWARDS Longitudinal Database
- Sam Rauschenberg, Governor’s Office of Student Achievement
- Jackie Luindberg, Governor’s Office of Student Achievement
- Q&A and Feedback on Data Request Process

3:15 - 4:15 Conversation on Research with Georgia Data
- An open discussion between university-based researchers and agency researchers

4:15 – 4:30 Wrap Up and Next Steps