



29th Annual School's Out, Make It Count  
Keynote Speaker, Tony Smith  
**"We Are the Frontline of COVID Recovery"**



Tony Smith, will give insights on how the Out-of-School Time space is key to COVID recovery for our youth, both academically and social/emotionally.

Tony is the CEO and co-founder of Whyspeople, providing strategic advising and executive coaching to leaders working to create thriving communities. Most recently Tony served as the Illinois State Superintendent of Education. Prior to serving in that role, he was the Executive Director of the W. Clement and Jessie V. Stone Foundation funding early childhood, youth development, and education.

Tony has served in leadership roles in the non-profit, higher education, and public pk-12 district sectors including as Superintendent in Emeryville and Oakland, Ca. He earned a Ph.D. in Language, Literacy, and Culture from UC Berkeley.

Tony is committed to creating healthy public systems that fully develop the whole child, whole school, and whole community. He measures his work by the increase in fair access to quality, the increase in student and adult belongingness, and the increase in equitable student outcomes that improve economic and civic well-being in the community.

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**"My afterschool program has provided me with needed materials to make my life and school life easier."**

*Debbie Adekunle, 16  
Providence, RI*

**This is Afterschool**  
Helping Kids Recover.

Together we can! A new site from national education partners has resources designed to provide local and state leaders with evidence-based practices for implementing quality afterschool and summer enrichment programs that are proven to help meet the goals of the American Rescue Plan - including addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. Visit [helpkidsrecover.org](https://helpkidsrecover.org) to learn more about how these community-based partners are critical to #HelpingKidsRecover.



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## PLANETS

PLANETS - (Planetary Learning that Advances the Nexus of Engineering, Technology, and Science) is a NASA-funded Out-of-School program that provides **free** science and engineering curriculum and educator support resources for Out-of-School Time educators.

PLANETS is bringing together focus groups of out-of-school time educators to help identify effective practices for emergent bilingual learners, Native American learners, and learners who are experiencing physical disabilities.

ONLY 90 minutes of time is needed and participants will receive a \$50 gift card for their efforts! Input will help to improve PLANETS project resources that connect OST youth with planetary science and engineering.

Applications are open now and focus groups will take place during the Summer of 2021.

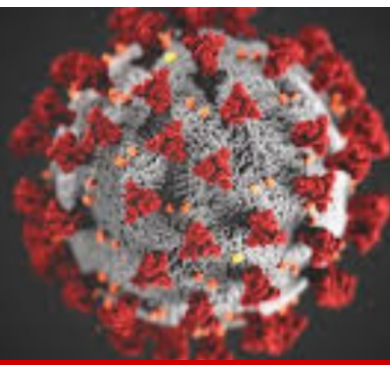
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