



Springtime at the Consortium has always been more of a year-end than a beginning. As another school year draws to a close, it is a time to tie-up loose ends, bring projects to an end or go on hiatus, and wish those who are moving on – our new graduates and our retiring partners and leaders – well. It is exciting but it is also bittersweet.

It is also a time for planning and looking forward, yet this year feels different, not just for me as I assume a new role at the Consortium, but for all of us as we try to make sense of how we can help our students and educators find their new and improved “normal”. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reinvent how we meet the needs of our students and help better prepare them for their futures. An opportunity that we can’t let pass us by. I am energized by our extraordinary staff who are excited to take on this challenge and work with our partners – educators, employers, higher education, community organizations, policymakers – to make a difference for every student in our region.

The Consortium has a history of which I am so proud. This small yet mighty organization has made a significant difference in the lives of educators and especially children. I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work for the Consortium and am humbled that I have the chance to lead it. I have had the good fortune to work with and be mentored by two extraordinary women, Linda Croushore and Mary Kay Babyak. I could not have asked for better role models. I look forward to continuing their vision and, with my amazing staff, look forward to working with our partners across the region to ensure that our students and schools thrive.

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