Building a Better Assessment Future

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Empowering Creativity in an Era of Federal Change

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BBAF keynote description:

How can disruption in federal K–12 education create opportunities for state and local assessment innovation? This keynote address will examine the evolving education landscape and its impact on assessment systems. An exploration of the shifting role of the federal government will uncover new possibilities for innovation. Examples of promising assessment innovation will provide insights on how to better meet the needs of educators, students, and communities. These bright spots offer valuable lessons and raise important questions about how to build systems that are more relevant and useful. Ultimately, this address will deepen understanding of the federal role in K–12 assessment and present ideas for how the field might evolve in an era of growing state and local leadership.

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