

# The Key Leaders Network

The Alabama Best Practice Center's **Key Leaders Network** (KLN) connects district and school leaders statewide to challenge each other to raise expectations and foster effective practices for teaching and learning in their schools. The teams come together to advance their learning about effective instructional leadership strategies and to learn from and inspire each other. There are seven regional KLN's in Birmingham (2), Mobile, Tuscaloosa, Athens, Oxford, and Montgomery. To learn more, review [this blog](#), which mentions "fresh leadership ideas" that we often share with KLN members.



## Program Components

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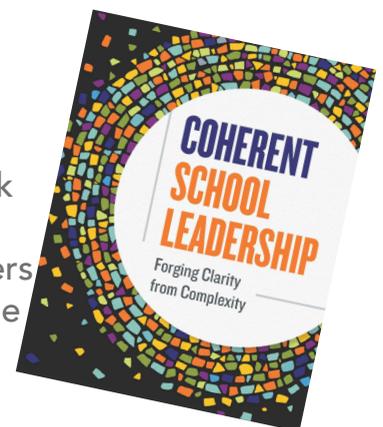
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- Intentional networking of teachers from across the state
- Responsiveness and flexibility to meet district and school needs throughout the year

## Program Schedule

Our Key Leaders Networks will meet 4 times during the school year, both virtually and in-person as school schedules allow. As of right now, we anticipate that all four meetings will be virtual. As conditions change, we'll act accordingly. If we are able to meet face to face, [here is the link to our schedule of events](#).

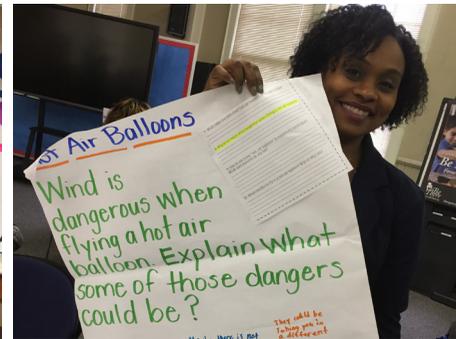
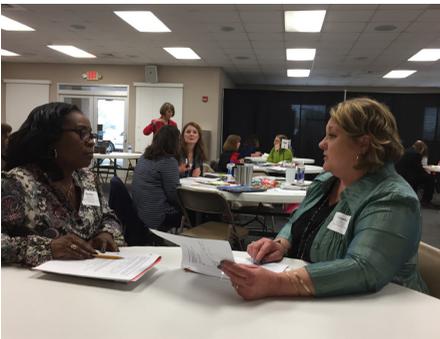
## KLN 2020-21 Focus

In this unpredictable time, now more than ever, district and school leaders need to lead with confidence and clarity. Fullan and Kirtman's book, [Coherent School Leadership: Forging Clarity from Complexity](#), introduces the 7 Competencies for Highly Effective Leaders, and provides a framework for action. This short, but powerful book will help school districts strive for clarity and coherence to better address the current challenges school leaders face. This text will guide the sessions and session facilitators will dip into the book using learning protocols, providing time for district teams to discuss, make meaning, and plan to use what they are learning. [Click here to learn more about the book.](#)



# The Powerful Conversations Network

The Alabama Best Practices Center's **Powerful Conversations Network** (PCN) is a network-based professional learning opportunity where teachers hone their knowledge and skills as they seek new and better ways to engage their students. Comprised of school teams from all over the state, PCN allows educators to come together to advance their learning about key instructional issues. We believe that we have as much to learn from participants as they have to learn from us. As a result, the learning is highly interactive and collaborative. There are six regional PCNs across the state in Birmingham (2), Mobile, Tuscaloosa, Athens, and Montgomery. Check out [this post](#) to hear about our learning directly from a network member!



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## PCN 2020-2021 Focus

Addressing both student and teachers' social and emotional needs are a top priority for the 2020-2021 school year. We selected [\*Relationship, Responsibility, and Regulation: Trauma-Invested Practices for Fostering Resilient Learners\*](#) by Souers with Hall to guide sessions. This book explains how to create a culture of safety in which everyone feels valued, important, and capable of learning. Session facilitators will dip into the book using learning protocols, providing time for school teams to discuss, make meaning, and plan to use what they are learning.

