



**“Let’s Talk Formative Assessment: Real Time and Ongoing”
Fall Summit
Friday, October 2, 2026
Marriott Hotel, Jefferson City, MO**

- 8:30 am Registration & All Sessions – Main Conference Room
- 9:00 – 9:25am Welcome and Announcements
Introduction: Our Purpose for Today: Explicit Assessment and its Effect on Instruction
Dr. Janie Pyle, SMCAA
- 9:30 – 11:15am **Keynote Address:** “From Evidence to Action: Making Formative Assessment Matter for Instruction”
Dr. Kris Peterson, National Director of Innovation and Data Insights from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH).
- 11:15 – 12:00pm **LUNCH**
- 12:00 – 1:20pm **Afternoon Study Session One:** Match the Demand: Ensuring Assessment Rigor Matches the Learning
Presenter: Dr. Elizabeth McCracken, Executive Director of C and I, Columbia Public Schools (Retired)
- 1:30 – 2:40pm **Afternoon Session Two:** How Do We *Really* Use Data to Drive Instructional Decision Making?
Presenter: Dr. Gretchen Guitard, Superintendent, Southern Boon (Retired); **Dr. Shanna Schwarzer**, Dean of Students at Battle High School, Columbia and Adjunct Professor for William Wood University
- 2:45 - 3:00pm **Takeaways and closing**



Onward to Rigorous Assessment!