

# CONTINUOUS LEARNING TASK FORCE



## Chairs

### Cindy Couchman

Assistant Superintendent,  
Buhler USD 313  
• 2009 *Kansas Teacher of the Year*  
• 2014 *National Teacher Hall of Fame inductee*  
• *National Finalist for Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching*  
• *National Board Certified - Mathematics*

### Tabatha Rosproy

Preschool/Early Childhood Teacher,  
Winfield USD 465  
• 2015 *Winfield USD 465 Rookie Teacher of the Year*  
• 2020 *Kansas Teacher of the Year*  
• 2020 *National Teacher of the Year finalist*

### Dyane Smokorowski

Innovation and Technology Lead Teacher,  
Andover USD 385  
• 2009 *National School Boards Association Top 20 to Watch in Education*  
• 2013 *Kansas Teacher of the Year*  
• 2019 *National Teacher Hall of Fame inductee*

## Task Force members

### EARLY CHILDHOOD/ ELEMENTARY

#### Mandy Arck

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• 2019 *Kansas Teacher of the Year team member*

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Derby USD 260

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• 2020 *Kansas Teacher of the Year team member*

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Basehor-Linwood USD 458  
• 2020 *Kansas Teacher of the Year team member*

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Teacher,  
Goodland USD 352  
• 2016 *Kansas Teacher of the Year team member*

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• 2020 *Kansas Teacher of the Year team member*

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### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### Carly Bowden

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• 2019 *Milken Award recipient*

#### Lucinda Crenshaw

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• 2016 *Kansas Teacher of the Year team member*

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Teacher,  
Olathe USD 233  
• 2020 *Kansas Teacher of the Year team member*

#### Megan Nagel

Teacher,  
Newton USD 373  
• 2018 *Kansas Teacher of the Year team member*

#### Sarah Wise

Teacher,  
Garden City USD 457  
• 2019 *Crystal Apple winner*

#### Dr. Brent Wolf

Teacher,  
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• 2017 *Kansas Teacher of the Year team member*

### HIGH SCHOOL

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Teacher,  
Complete High School Maize  
Maize USD 266  
• 2017 *Milken Award recipient*

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• 2020 *Kansas Teacher of the Year team member*

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Teacher,  
De Soto USD 232  
• 2004 *Kansas Teacher of the Year*

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Vocational Ag/FFA Teacher,  
Mission Valley USD 330

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• 2020 *Kansas Teacher of the Year team member*

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Teacher,  
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• 2019 *Kansas Teacher of the Year*

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• 2018 *Kansas Teacher of the year*

#### Shannon Ralph

Teacher,  
Gardner Edgerton USD 231  
• 2015 *Kansas Teacher of the year*

### AREAS OF SPECIALTY

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Media Specialist,  
Shawnee Heights USD 450

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Physical Education Teacher,  
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• 2019 *Kansas Teacher of the Year team member*

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• *2017 Kansas Teacher of the Year  
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## Advising Committee

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## Implementation Team

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Superintendent,  
Olathe USD 233  
• *2018 Kansas Superintendent of  
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Principal,  
Complete High School Maize  
Maize USD 266  
• *2018 Kansas Principal of the Year*

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• *2020 Kansas Superintendent of  
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Principal,  
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• *2015 Kansas Principal of the Year*

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Principal,  
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• *2019 Kansas Principal of the Year*

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Principal,  
Clifton-Clyde Grade School and  
Middle School  
Clifton-Clyde USD 224  
• *2019 Kansas Principal of the Year*

**Dana Sprinkle**  
Principal,  
Ell-Saline Elementary School  
Ell-Saline USD 307  
• *2016 Kansas Principal of the Year*  
• *1998 Kansas Teacher of the Year  
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• *2019 Kansas Superintendent of  
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• *NAACP Education Award*  
• *Martin Luther King Education Award  
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