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Engaging Secondary School Students and Their Communities

Forum Breakout Session

21st Century Skills: Are Students Really Ready to Work?

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With the publication of the report, *Are They Really Ready to Work?*, it is clear that a growing number of businesses feel many recently-hired graduates from high school, two-year colleges, and four-year colleges do not have the requisite skills – particularly applied skills – to succeed in the workplace. This presentation will provide a business perspective regarding how workforce readiness will change in the future. It will identify important applied skills and emerging content areas that will impact student performance on the job.