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Larry Hanks
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Amy Rome is currently the principal of the National Teachers Academy—a dual mission Chicago Public School—serving as a neighborhood school for high-need urban students and a professional development school for university-based teacher education. Her previous public school roles in Chicago have included serving as an assistant principal, a curriculum coordinator, a teacher leader, and a primary grade teacher in several schools in high-need communities. In addition, she worked as the codirector of the GATE Program, an alternative certification teacher education program at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she designed, implemented, and evaluated a career-change program to prepare candidates to teach in high-need urban communities. Over the years, Ms. Rome has secured grants and awards, including the Annenberg Break-Through Schools Initiative—Race and Community and the Harold E. Miller Community Impact Award. Her professional interests include using data and benchmarking to drive instructional improvement; cultivating teacher leadership; developing structures and programs to support social and emotional learning; and building community partnerships. Rome is also a member of the UIC Principal’s Network focused on transformational school leadership where she was recently featured in a UIC publication as “A Force for Change.” Her school was also selected as a case-study site for the UIC Principals’ Network, which is supported by The Broad Foundation. Rome has a BA in Chinese language and literature from the University of Iowa and an MS Ed in curriculum and instruction from National-Louis University. She is currently pursuing doctoral study in curriculum and instruction at the University of Illinois at Chicago.