

## **Jim Mahoney, Ph.D.**

*Executive Director, Emeritus, Battelle for Kids*

Jim Mahoney always says, “Children may represent 25 percent of our population, but they represent 100 percent of our future.” A long time educator, Jim has dedicated his life to bettering educational opportunities for all students, serving as a superintendent, principal, and teacher, as well as an adjunct professor at several Ohio universities. In 2001, he joined Battelle for Kids as the organization’s first executive director, and was named Executive Director, Emeritus, in 2016.



Under Jim’s leadership, Battelle for Kids grew into a national not-for-profit that partners with school districts, state departments of education, business, and philanthropic organizations in nearly 30 states as well as the District of Columbia and Hong Kong to implement successful education-improvement strategies. These efforts—which **impacts nearly 6 million students and more than 270,000 educators nationwide, including every school district in Ohio**—are focused on the development of human capital systems, the use of strategic measures, practices for improving educator effectiveness, and communication with all stakeholders in schools. Battelle for Kids has received more than 50 state and national awards for work completed on behalf of their clients.

A well-known speaker, Jim has made presentations throughout the United States, Canada, and China. He also co-authored the book, *Data-Driven Decisions and School Leadership: Best Practices for School Improvement* and has had several articles printed in state and national publications.

Jim has been recognized on numerous occasions for his leadership in education, including the Ohio University Voinovich School Leadership in Public Innovation Award; Ohio Friend of Education Award from the Ohio Federation of Teachers; the President’s Award from the Ohio School Boards Association, an award given annually to an individual who has greatly influence public education; the Ohio Superintendent Outstanding Performance Award from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation; and the Educator of the Year Award from the Ohio Association of Local School Superintendents.