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Dr. Gregory J. Benner is a Professor and Executive Director of the Center for Strong Schools at the University of Washington - Tacoma. Dr. Benner specializes in preventive approaches for meeting the academic and social/emotional needs of students, particularly those with emotional and behavioral disorders. He is a national consultant for building sustainable multi-tiered systems of support. He has a knack for collective impact—getting whole communities including families, child welfare, mental health, social and health services, and schools on the same page to meet needs of the whole child. In 2002, he was awarded the Wesley Becker Award for Outstanding Research. He recently co-authored a book entitled *Instructional Practices for Students with Behavioral Disorders: Strategies for Reading, Writing, and Math*. Dr. Benner has over 200 presentations and publications that share research findings and best practices within the field of education.