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GUEST SPEAKER



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Mike Hennessy is a social science researcher–practitioner with 15 years’ experience working on the education sector’s most pressing workforce challenges.

In his role as Chief Research & Insights Officer at PeopleBench, Mike focuses on providing school leaders with timely, accurate data so they can make good decisions about the future of their workforce. In partnership with ISQ, Mike led the State of the Independent School Workforce project in 2025, which reflected the perspectives of staff from over 90 schools. Mike and the PeopleBench team also use their research to create software tools that help school leaders understand their workforce strengths and risks, and turn these insights into an evidence-informed workforce strategy.