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Network Vision Statement
The Special Schools and Programs Network provides leaders with a unique forum to build community among professionals who care deeply about educating youth with gifts and talents. As the Special Schools and Programs chair, I would strengthen this community through events and opportunities that guide leaders in facing challenges unique to programs for learners with gifts and talents. These challenges may include how to best serve twice-exceptional students, implement socioemotional curriculum, or provide out-of-school enrichment. School leaders require answers to these challenges that are backed by evidenced best-practices in gifted education. Through my experiences as a scholar, I can connect network members to those best practices. I plan to grow the Special Schools and Programs mentorship program, as mentored relationships are essential for new school leaders to improve their educational practice. Moreover, I will expand the network’s professional development to focus on serving multicultural student populations and nurturing intercultural development of students.