

William Parrett

William H. Parrett has received international recognition for his work in school improvement related to children and adolescents who live in poverty. He has co-authored eleven books, the past three being best-sellers. As Director Emeritus of the Center for School Improvement & Policy Studies, (1996-2019), Bill coordinated funded projects and school improvement initiatives that exceeded \$80 million. Recently honored as the Indiana University School of Education 2021 Distinguished Alumni, he continues as a frequent speaker at international and national events. Contact him at wparret@boisestate.edu or on Twitter at WHParrett.

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