

**Keynote: *Re-imagining Independent Schools: An Innovator's Journey***

*Re-imagining Independent Schools: An Innovator's Journey Uncertainty is our new narrative, driven by disruptors that challenge an often familiar and comfortable status quo. But flux offers independent schools enormous opportunities to innovate, reimagine, and fully realize their missions. In this session, Tim Fish will look at what needs to be in place for whole school innovation to succeed. Small group discussion will equip participants with new capabilities to help build a future-wise school.*

**Learning Objectives:**

Participants will develop new capabilities to help build a future-wise school.

**Presenter: Tim Fish, Chief Innovation Officer,  
National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)**

Tim Fish is the Chief Innovation Officer at NAIS. He has deep roots in the independent school community and a long history at McDonogh School (Maryland). Most recently, he was the school's associate headmaster. During his time at McDonogh, he also oversaw the K-12 admissions and financial aid process, the academic program, facility development, faculty development, technology, diversity, and strategic planning.

Fish was also the founding president and CEO of the FolioCollaborative, a nonprofit community of more than 125 schools around the world focused on working together to build a flexible faculty/staff development process that is grounded in strong relationships and meaningful conversations. From 2011 to 2013, Fish managed the growth of the collaborative, seeing it through from its start-up roots to become the full-fledged community of independent schools that it now is.

In his role at NAIS, Tim is leading the Innovation Kitchen team as they work to design tools that support strategic planning in member schools. He is also responsible for creating processes and frameworks for discovering new solutions and approaches to old problems, nurturing practices for creative thinking throughout the organization, and monitoring research and development in the field to spot trends in innovation and supplement research findings in the K-12 education landscape. Tim also oversees data, research, teaching/learning and information technology.

Tim is the co-author of the book *Leadership and Technology at Independent Schools*. He started his career as a 4th-grade teacher and has served as a founder, board member, and consultant for a variety of education and technology-related schools, organizations, and companies. He is currently serving on the board of Viewpoint School, a 1200 K-12 school in Los Angeles. He is currently serving as the President of the Board for the FolioCollaborative and is serving on the board at the Enrollment Management Association and One Schoolhouse. Tim has an undergraduate degree from St. Francis University and a Masters from George Mason University. He is also the father of four children (The Four Fish Sticks).

**Field of Study:** Specialized Knowledge

**Prerequisites:** Basic knowledge of independent school finances

**Advanced Preparation:** None

**Program Level:** Update

**Delivery Method:** Group Live

**Participants will earn 1.5 CPE credits.**