

## Evan B. Lefsky, Ph.D.

### Subject Matter Expert



Evan Lefsky, Ph.D., is the Managing Director of PCG's education practice. Dr. Lefsky has worked in the education field for more than 30 years. He served as a teacher and leader at both the K-12 and university levels and Executive Director of Just Read, Florida!

At PCG, Dr. Lefsky provides strategic advisement and analysis to consulting and operations teams and clients across the U.S. and Canada, including implementation and leadership support for large-scale initiatives with Chicago Public Schools, New York City Public Schools, and the Texas Education Agency.

### Expertise

- Implementation of state standards
- Adolescent literacy
- Content/disciplinary literacy
- Instructional leadership
- Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)/ Response to Intervention (RtI)
- Teacher professional development
- Instructional coaching
- Education policy
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) literacy
- Writing instruction

### Experience

Prior to joining PCG in 2011, Dr. Lefsky was the School Improvement Grant (SIG) Turnaround Leader and Director of Secondary Education with Lake County Schools (FL), focused on closing the achievement gap and increasing the college-going rate for students from low income and minority families. Under the direction of the Office of the Governor, he is the former Executive Director of Just Read, Florida!, the statewide content and policy office focused on reading and literacy improvement from birth through adulthood.

Dr. Lefsky frequently serves on state and federal commissions, and task forces focused on issues pertaining to literacy and education policy. He has worked with the National Governors Association (NGA), Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE), the Carnegie Corporation and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). Dr. Lefsky served on the board of the Florida Reading Association from 2004-2014, serving as its President from 2012-2013.

He serves on the board of Just World International, an organization focused on fracturing the cycle of poverty for children around the world through education, healthcare, and nutrition programs.

### Publications

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- Lang, L., Torgesen, J., Vogel, B., Chanter, C., Lefsky, E., Petscher, Y. "Exploring the relative effectiveness of reading interventions for high school students." *Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness*, 2009.

## Professional Networks

- National Governors Association (NGA)
- Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO)
- National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE)
- Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)

## Certifications

- K-12 Educational Leadership
- K-12 Reading
- 6-12 English Language Arts

## Education

Dr. Lefsky earned a Ph. D. in Curriculum and Instruction and an Educational Specialist degree in Reading at the University of Florida, in Gainesville, FL. He received a Master of Education degree in English Language Arts Education from the University of Central Florida, in Orlando, FL, and a Bachelor of Science in English Education from Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL.

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