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Heather Staker, one of the world's foremost thought leaders on K-12 blended learning, is the founder and president of Ready to Blend, a research initiative focused on helping educators and families use blended learning to improve the achievement and well-being of K-12 children. She is an adjunct fellow for the Clayton Christensen Institute for Disruptive Innovation, a nonprofit think tank that promotes disruptive innovation in education and health care; her favorite assignment is training education leaders on how to develop high-impact technology investments centered on high-quality blended learning. Heather is co-author of *Blended: Using Disruptive Innovation to Improve Schools*, a groundbreaking book that will serve as a field guide and eye-opener for the builders of the next generation of K-12 learning environments. Named by *Scholastic* as one of the Five People to Watch in Education in 2012, Staker appears regularly throughout the country on radio and television. She has served as a member of the California State Board of Education, taught U. S. history at Harvard University, and started a co-op preschool. She holds a BA in government from Harvard and an MBA from the Harvard Business School.