



Workshop Series

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A Strengths-based Approach to Teaching

Learn how a strengths-based approach helps educators build trust, motivation, and engagement by identifying and leveraging what students do well, especially those who struggle most.

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

🕒 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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Key Takeaways

- Shift from deficit-based thinking to strength-based noticing without minimizing challenges or expectations.
- Identify and name student strengths, academic, social, emotional, and behavioral, in authentic, meaningful ways.
- Use strengths to support growth, regulation, and problem-solving, particularly for students who feel discouraged or disconnected.
- Reframe behavior and learning challenges as skill gaps rather than character flaws.
- Create classroom practices and language that help students see themselves as capable, valued contributors.



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