

School Support Network Meeting

“Breaking Grades: How One School District Shook the System”

Presented by: Dr. Scott Taylor, Superintendent, Township of Union Public Schools

October 20, 2021

Saved Chat

Scott Taylor asked the group “What do you feel when you think about grades?”

Terri Praschak to Everyone: stress

Jessica Hammond to Everyone: anxiety

Randi Hutchinson to Everyone: anxiety

Jeremy Cohen to Everyone: Anxiety

Teresa LaSala to Everyone: judgement

Craig Wojcik to Everyone: gh!

Thomas Scarano to Everyone: accountability

Dottie Buel to Everyone: locked in; frustrated

Craig Wojcik to Everyone: Ugh!

Terri Praschak to Everyone: achievement

Amal Azzara to Everyone: eye roll

Ann-Marie Carey to Everyone: pressure

David Shaw to Everyone: Conflict

Tim Downs to Everyone: Anxiety

Kurt Cerensak to Everyone: rating of performance level

Joe Ugliodoro to Everyone: Antiquated

Melissa Cosgrove to Everyone: subjective

Thomas Scarano to Everyone: so what is wrong with pressure?

Terri Praschak to Everyone: I agree Thomas that we need pressure but it has to be healthy.

Teresa LaSala to Everyone: value

Scott Taylor asked the group “What would you do if you could wipe the slate clean and create a grading system that honors growth mindset?”

Teresa LaSala to Everyone: I'm a fan of RUBRIC approach for assessment. Includes self-assessment, clear goals, perceptions of reaching goals, academic side, SEL, and purpose

Joe Ugliodoro to Everyone: A system of reassessment of essential learning needs to be in place. This will allow students to reflect on their progress, make adjustments, and then demonstrate their improved learning at a second point in time.

Craig Wojcik to Everyone: A dynamic system vs a static system

Terri Praschak to Everyone: Rubrics - reflection on process, progress and amount of growth

Jeremy Cohen to Everyone: I would figure out a way to focus on internal motivation for learning rather than external. Perhaps more formative feedback.

Randi Hutchinson to Everyone: Summative feedback would be focused on communicating an amount of growth/effort a student made, perhaps without correlating that to some pre-determined coding system?

Ann-Marie Carey to Everyone: I would have the students be a part of their assessment/progress report

Narisa Svetvilas to Everyone: Create a portfolio of work - showing progress/development of their work

Thomas Scarano to Everyone: Not sure the hardships imposed by COVID restrictions compares to educating students in a non covid environment

Krystal Beck to Everyone: I have to attend a meeting at 2:00 PM. Thank you for sharing your presentation today. Be well!

Scott Taylor to Everyone: bit.ly/gradechangechallenge

Scott Taylor to Everyone: Michael Fullan

Thomas Scarano to Everyone: Getting a three motivates me to aim higher

Trish Heindel to Everyone: Thanks Scott for a great conversation and advocating for such deep thinking about grades. Unfortunately, I have to pop off to teach a course!

Thomas Scarano to Everyone: Thank you Dr Taylor. Thank you for the insight.

Leighann Garland to Everyone: **NJASECD Technical Assistance Session for Schools of Character Application**

October 28 from 4-5 PM, NJASECD will be hosting a technical assistance session for anyone who is completing the Schools of Character application through character.org. If you or someone you know is interested in attending this session, please complete the Google Form (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3IQw_Ps1pJJRCfj6EgnV4gNZdSmmjw6pLFLSz_c2av8jcXtg/viewform). Please contact njasecd@gmail.com with any questions.

Workshop Series -"Building Within: Cultivating Well-Being and Emotional Resilience in Educators"

November 2021 through May 2022

Presented by: Erica Brentan and Kathleen McClay, School Culture and Climate Consultants

Details and registration:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlduiqpz4rGN06xY9zI2hfVpVYgyWw5eLu>

If you are interested in bringing it to your district, please email

info@schoolcultureandclimate.org.

Sustainable Jersey for Schools Funding Opportunity Funded by NJEA

Deadline: October 29, 2021

<https://www.sustainablejerseyschools.com/grants/njea-cycle/>

SEL4NJ "SEL Helps Valued Outcomes to Happen: A Series of Examples"

<https://sel4nj.org/>

Administrator Network Coffee Chat

October 27 - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsfuqsrzoiHNwe6Uynegx-rq3ESRVjpeI0>

Next Coffee Chat

November 3 - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Register at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclde2rqjorHdT40GCrtaxCbA0cEYxFG90E>

Next SSN Meeting

November 10 - 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

"SEL Coaching: Learn Tips and Tools to Enhance the Social Emotional Learning at Your School"

Presented by: Erica Brentan, Consultant, School Culture and Climate Initiative

Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpduisqDojHNAS6eDur9XqPs_w01A7pDX4

SCAIP Fall PLC

November 16 - 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtdO2hrDwjGNYFpnn59wE5yR5I_EkfGliK

Please take a minute to complete the meeting evaluation to help us plan for future SSN meetings, coffee chats, and professional development opportunities:

<https://forms.gle/Seoja3Xdsr9Zxbey7>

Liz Warner asked the group to “Share something you are looking forward to”

Anna Crumm to Everyone: MCPCA meeting today! This is the first Morris County School counselor’s association meeting in person since covid hit

Scott Taylor to Everyone: I’m looking forward to meeting assistant superintendent candidates tomorrow! I get to meet all kinds of people!

Amal Azzara to Everyone: Grateful for this network!

Ann-Marie Carey to Everyone: getting out in the sunshine!