Sustaining
your wellness
for the
long haul

Webinar January 14, 2021

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Stress and resilience



Participants will ...

- Understand why adults' well-being is foundational to students' well-being and learning
- Discover eight dimensions of wellness and how to nurture them
- Learn how to embody and apply a social, emotional, and cultural framework for teaching and learning
- Consider the unique challenges facing teachers of color and how to address them

Check-in poll

- Compared to the fall, is your stress level...
 - A) Higher
 - B) About the same
 - C) Lower
 - D) Not sure
- What concerns you most about staff/colleagues' emotional well-being?
 - A) Uncertainty/fear about how to teach in this environment
 - B) Emotional exhaustion
 - C) Work/family balance
 - D) Depression/anxiety/other mental health issues
 - E) Other (tell us in the chat)

Panel discussion



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The Whole Educator: The Eight Dimensions of Wellness

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Environmental

Environmental wellness refers to the area in which an individual works and resides. This comprises heating. cooling, lighting, plumbing, safety, painting, decorations, cleanliness, and all

of the elements that make up, the environment in which individuals spend a majority of their time. of emotions as well as ability to

Spiritual

Spiritual wellness refers to the degree to which an individual works internally to develop meaning and purpose in their existence.

Intellectual

knowledge.

Intellectual wellness involves the overall use of the mind, continual opportunities and pursuits of learning opportunities, critical thinking, and the application of knowledge. Intellectual wellness involves an individual being allowed and given opportunities to seek out professional learning to further deepen their

The Whole Educator: The Eight Dimensions

for their daily needs.

Social wellness refers to the degree that individuals interact within their communities to improve their social environments. Social wellness is significant in the life of an educator as it also encompasses the degree to which educators are involved in the school.

Social

Occupational

Emotional

take personal responsibility for emotions.

Emotional wellness

expression, and management

refers to an individual's

awareness, acceptance,

Occupational wellness refers to the degree that an individual has the self-efficacy to exhibit the behaviors to perform their job responsibilities, as well as the opportunities for career growth.

Physical

Physical wellness is the most common **Financial** dimension of wellness that is mentioned in the literature, it refers to the The final dimension, financial wellness refers conventional aspects of healthy living such as exercise, diet, and to the degree to which an medical check-ups individual deems that they are financially prepared for unexpected life emergencies, the ability to live comfortably, the ability to invest in savings, and have money after retirement

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Wellness Techniques

Establish Clear & Firm Boundaries

Identify Which Dimension Needs
Sustainment

Identify Passion Areas

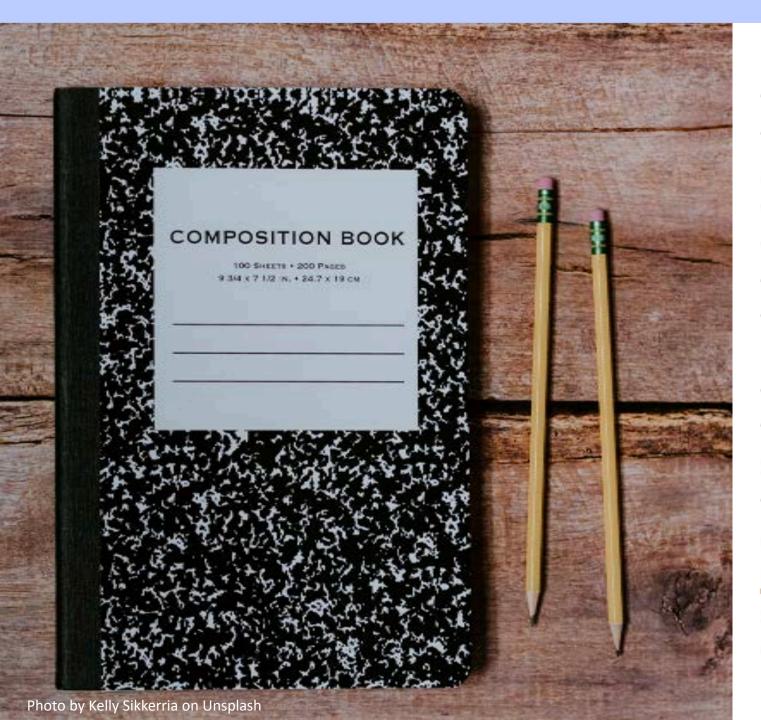
Prioritize Self

Identify Triggers & Stressors

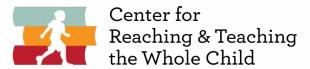
Develop Strategies to Address Triggers & Stressors

Identify Support Systems





For schools to be well, educators need to be well. Educators need free therapy, love, compassion, and healing, and to embrace theories that explain why getting well is so hard. Teacher wellness is critical to creating schools that protect students' potential and function as their homeplace. Educators, students, and parents need to be on a path to wellness together for schools to be sites of healing. Schools cannot be doing just alright; they have to be well by putting everyone's mental health as the first priority and understanding how systems of oppression spirit-murder children. (Love, 2019).



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Teacher Well-Being: The CRTWC Social, Emotional, & Cultural Anchor Competencies Framework as a Roadmap

"...teachers make more decisions in any given hour in a classroom than any air traffic controller...." Dr. Tina Boogren



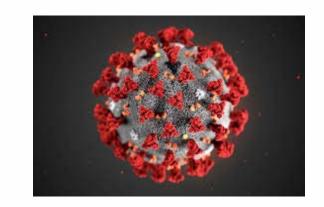


"I've come to a frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in the classroom. It is my personal approach that creates the climate. It is my daily mood that makes the weather. As a teacher, I possess a tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous." Haim Ginott

We are in a world in which students, their parents, and educators are filled with confusion, trauma, and emotional fatigue.



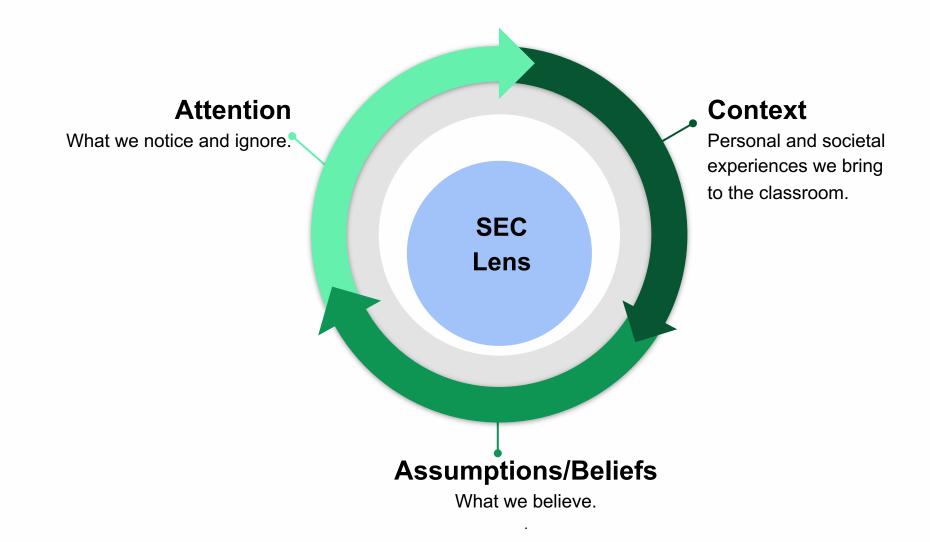


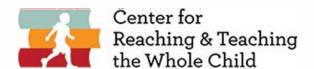






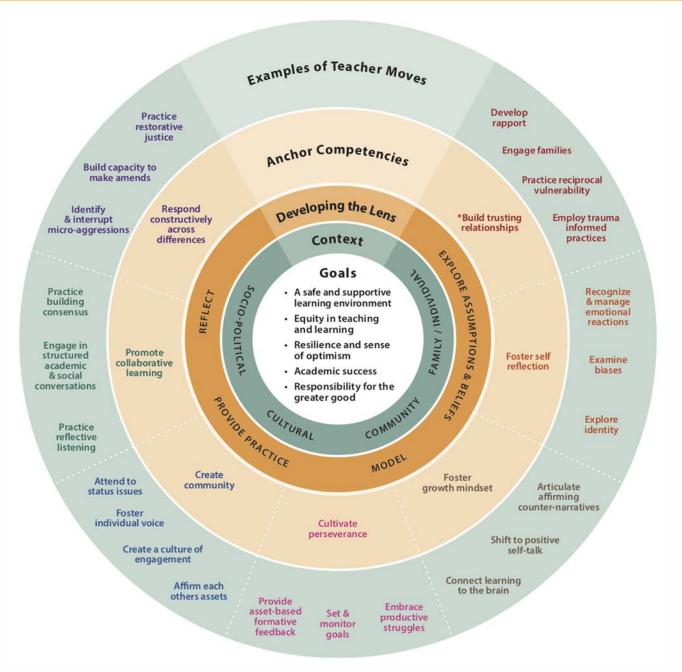
What we need to feel in control as we enter the classroom...





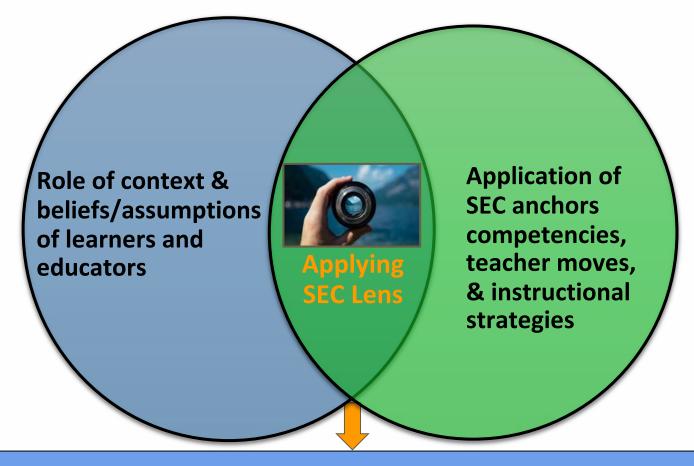
A roadmap...

Social, Emotional, & Cultural Anchor Competencies Framework





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Foundational to academic achievement and well-being Supports a proactive anti-racist and anti-marginalization stance

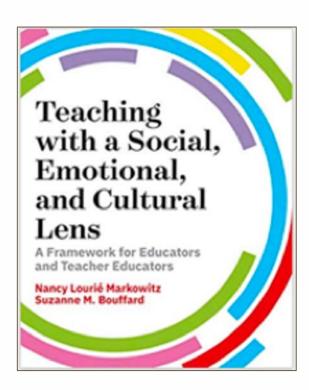
Social, Emotional, and Cultural Anchor Competencies



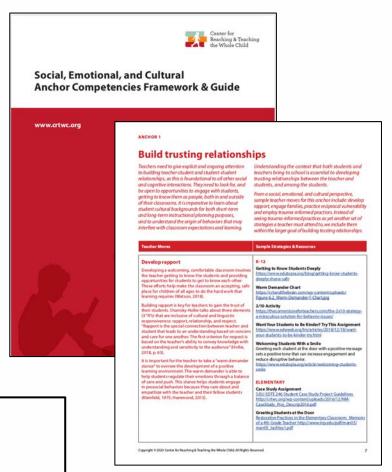
- > Build trusting relationships
- > Foster self reflection
- > Foster growth mindset
- ➤ Cultivate perseverance
- ➤ Create community
- Promote collaborative learning
- Respond constructively across differences

Applying the SEC Anchor competencies to classroom practice





Resources



Professional development programs available for:

- Teachers
- Teacher Coaches
- Teacher Educators

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Minoritized teachers' experiences leading to burnout/stress



Racialized/Stereotypical Expectations

- Disciplinarian, translator, cultural broker
- Not seen as a competent educator

Strategies for support

Seeking an ally/Be an ally

Extra pay/reduced responsibilities for extra duties performed

Reduce/Reframe the Stress (e.g. talk about expectations with administrators, additional pay/reduced duties)



Recent related publications

About educator stress/ burnout/ mental health

Cormier, C. J., & Scott, L. A. (2021). Castaways on Gilligan's Island: Minoritized special education teachers of color advocating for equity. *TEACHING Exceptional Children*, *53*(3), 234-242.

Cormier, C. J., Wong, V., McGrew, J. H., Ruble, L. A., & Worrell, F. C. (in press). Needing to exhale: Stress, burnout, and mental health in minoritized teachers of color. *The Learning Professional*.

About supporting student mental health

Cormier, C. J., Boveda, M., Aladejebi, F., & Gathoni, A. (2021). A transnational examination of Black teachers' affirmations of learners' socioemotional and mental health needs. *Kappa Delta Pi Record*, *57*(1), 30-36.







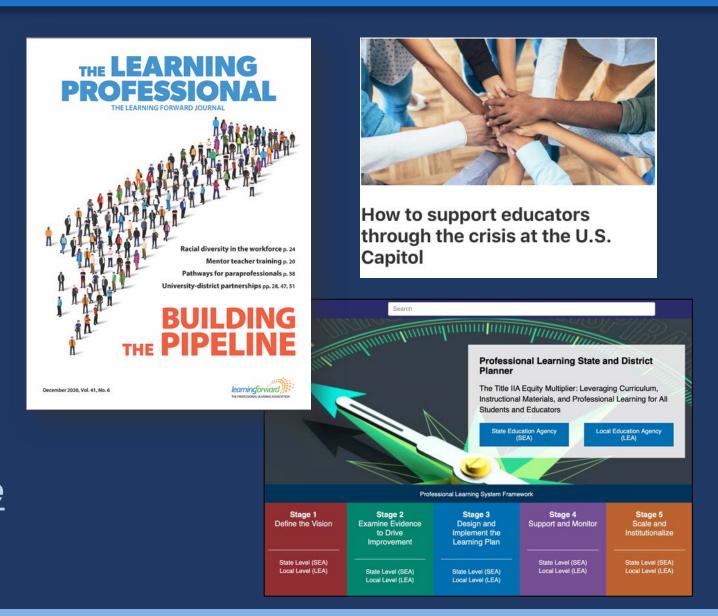
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Online resources

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- Read latest issue of <u>The Learning Professional</u>
- Check out the Learning Forward blog
- Use the planner at
 <u>Professional Learning State</u>
 <u>and District Planner</u>

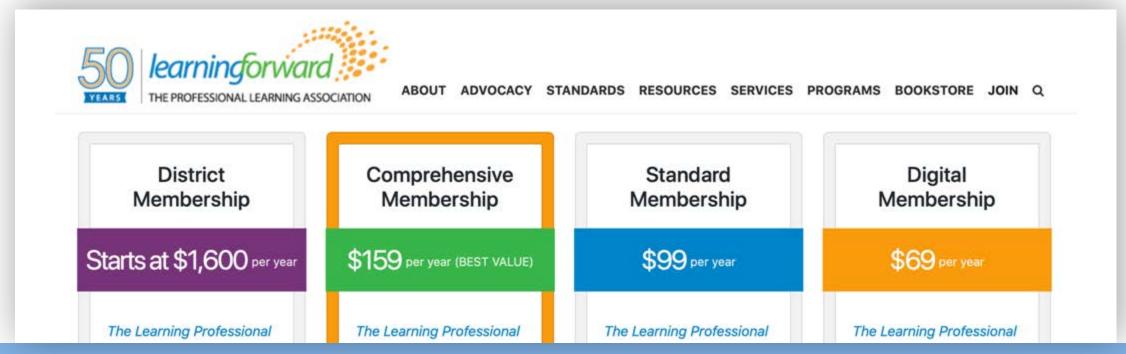


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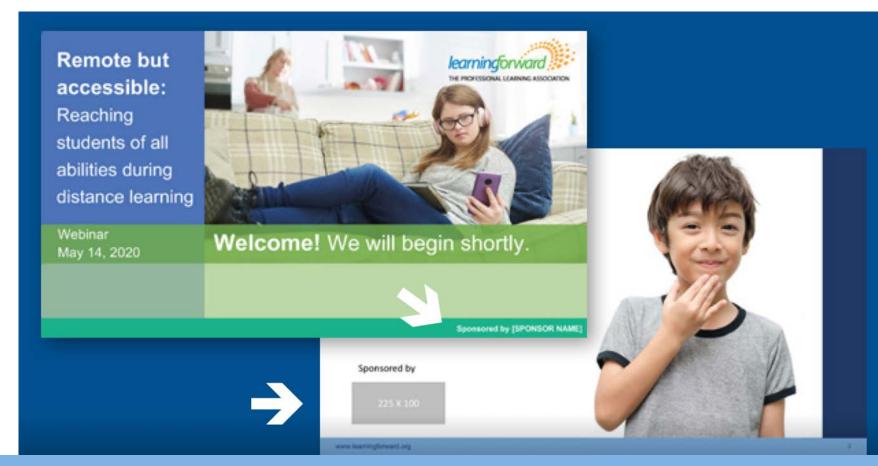


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