

TST Weekly Bulletin

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School Improvement Services

Leading and supporting school communities in their efforts to provide the best possible learning environment for all students.



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FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Equity and Excellence

This week, let's talk with a few colleagues about equity and excellence. Specifically, let's talk about this week's quote, below. Do we share the beliefs articulated by the authors? Which aspects of the quote get us energized and motivated? Which aspects challenge our own beliefs?

NEWS & NOTES

Universal Design for Learning

"UDL is a framework to improve and optimize teaching and learning for all people based on scientific insights into how humans learn."

- [UDL at a Glance – Video](#)
- [UDL Guidelines – Visuals and written explanations](#)
- [Resources to create "dynamic, UDL supported learning environments"](#)

Intended Student Outcomes Survey Available

Our TST BOCES School Improvement Services Team is focused on helping to ensure that all of our students in the region are robustly included and affirmed, and that all achieve [deeply meaningful outcomes](#). Please let us know what you think about our intended student outcomes by completing this [one-question survey](#).

Equality vs. Equity

What are some differences between equality and equity? Check out this [illustration](#).

Free Webinars (Danielson Framework for Teaching)

"The Danielson Group conducts periodic [webinars](#) to help teachers and administrators expand their understanding of the Framework for Teaching. Note that some webinars are free, and others are fee-based professional development opportunities. Registrants will receive an automatic confirmation of enrollment with instructions as well as an email confirming attendance following the webinar program."

LINKS, ARTICLES & BOOKS

- [UdL/Cast Making Algebra Learning Fun and Effective](#)
- [Learning Power](#), Oakes & Rogers, 2006
- [Community Based Equity Audits: A Practical Approach for Educational Leaders to Support Equitable Community-School Improvements](#)

Contact Barry to borrow a book or article

THERE'S MORE ↓

Quote of the Week

"We are aiming for schools in which there are no persistent patterns of differences in academic success or treatment among students grouped by race, ethnicity, culture, neighborhood, income of parents, or home language. In other words, we are aiming to foster schools that literally serve each and every student well."

-- Scheurich & Skrla, 2003

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

Offered through our folks here at TST BOCES

workshop

Connect. Create. Innovate

Registration Now Open!

[Registration](#) is underway for Connect. Create. Innovate. This conference is designed for teachers of encore subjects and will provide a full day of workshops and events tailored to meet the diverse needs of encore teachers.

The conference is free and will be held on the SUNY Cortland campus; lunch will be provided. Plenty of space and parking! Check out the Connect. Create. Innovate. [website](#) to see the sessions we have scheduled so far (adding more every day). Please pass the [flyer](#) along to any other encore teachers or educators that you think may be interested in attending (music, art, physical education, family and consumer sciences, health, Spanish, speech language pathologists, paraprofessionals, etc.)

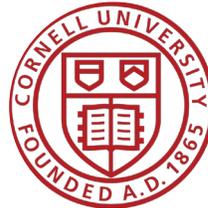
Looking for more PD opportunities?

Click [here](#) to access the PD catalog online.

Educator Tour of the Cornell Hip Hop Archive

Starting at 4:30 p.m. Feb 9

The mission of the [Cornell Hip Hop Collection](#) (CHHC) is to collect and make accessible the historical artifacts of Hip Hop culture and to ensure their preservation for future generations. Ben Ortiz, curator of the Cornell Hip Hop Archives, will give educators a personal tour of the archives Feb. 9 beginning at 4:30. This one hour session will include ways to incorporate #hiphoped in your classroom. The workshop will take place at Cornell's Kroch Library; Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections in Olin Library.



FOR TEACHERS

Rtl Repository

The [repository](#) is a resource for the entire region and provides educators with specific Rtl strategies, the research behind the strategies, demonstrations/ directions of how to implement the strategies, supporting materials needed to effectively implement the strategies, etc. The Rtl Repository was created by Jennifer Gondek and Justin DiMatteo, in collaboration with educators throughout our region, and is populated with research-based strategies that educators in our region are already using and finding effective.

FOR PRINCIPALS

The Wall That Heals Exhibit Coming to Port Byron

From June 1-4, a national touring exhibition called *The Wall That Heals* will visit Port Byron Central Schools. Neil F. O'Brien, Superintendent of Schools for Port Byron, asked that I share his personal invitation to secondary principals, your teachers and your students to visit and experience the exhibit while it is on display in their community. Please share this [information](#) with the appropriate teachers in your building and respond directly to Neil if you are interested.

Custom Fit Lessons

"[Making an environment where teachers can create bespoke lessons](#) – Schools in Rhode Island move to provide custom fit lessons that give students more choice and voice."

RI Personalized Learning Initiative (click to access link)

Job Fair for Students

9-11 am | May 2 | TST BOCES

There will be a job fair in the Smith School Gym for all students 16 years and older, looking for entry level, part-time, summer or permanent employment. This will provide students with the opportunity to meet potential employers to gain employment. It is co-sponsored by TST BOCES and the Youth Employment Resource Team, which consists of TST BOCES, Work Force NY, Youth Employment Services, Challenge Work Force Solutions. More information will follow after the Job Fair planning team meets Feb. 8. Contact [Michelle Pronti](#) or [Debra Demers](#) with questions.

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