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Choose one Mathematics Teaching Practice Teaching Strength and and

> describe how you know. What is your evidence?







### How do you know? What is your evidence?

"Students say, 'hey, this is really cool how we end up learning math. All of sudden we are learning and we didn't realize it"



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"It is the flow, you know when you look around the room and students are talking to each other, working on the task, and getting excited and proud of themselves." "I see all the connections the students make. I planned for one or two and they are going crazy making connections in the task."

Principles to Action



# Now identify ONE challenge in your mathematics classroom.



How can you use your strength to solve your challenge? What do you need to do?

"Hmmmm. I want to use a variety of assessments more. I could do this by posing the questions I usually ask as whole class discussions as individual questions. I think I could then collect data from that and get a better idea of how individuals understand the cont



#### The Power of Yet



"A safe environment where I feel comfortable being a risk taker learning, sharing, and questioning." "We need time to talk... process...reflect...we don't need to be saved...let us save ourselves" (Teacher Interview, October, 2015).



#### **COLLABORATION: CURRENT VS. IDEAL**

Focus group question: Which images represent your current experience and the ideal state of collaborative professional development?

	Lack of engagement	Poor use of time	Poorly planned/executed
CURRENT EXPERIENCE	<ul> <li>"Feels like I'm being held hostage"</li> <li>"I would rather be somewhere else"</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Not another meeting"</li> <li>"Not one more thing I have to do"</li> <li>"Don't read PowerPoint presentations to me"</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"People might have good knowledge but the pieces don't fit together"</li> <li>"Need an agenda and rules otherwise it's a social hour"</li> </ul>
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ATE	<ul> <li>Energizing</li> <li>"Makes me feel fired up"</li> </ul>	• "Makes me feel supported"	<ul> <li>Hands-on/scenario-based</li> <li>"Specific activities to do"</li> </ul>
AL STATE	Energizing	Supportive <ul> <li>"Makes me feel supported"</li> <li>"Feel accountable to show up to help each other"</li> </ul>	Hands-on/scenario-based  • "Specific activities to do"  • "Brainstorm solutions for a specific teacher"

Source: Teacher focus groups, March 2014

What is Engaged Professional Learning Principle 4? **Engaged Professional Learning 4** 

# Using our Strengths to Leverage our Challenges.



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#### Let's Look at Student Work

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### Strengths Misconceptions Next Steps

### Focus on the STUDENTS

Using student work examples – Turns the focus on students, solves practical problems and uses student data.

Evidence should:

- Provide a window into students' thinking;
- Help the teacher determine the extent to which students are reaching the math learning goals; and
- Be used to make instructional decisions during the lesson and to prepare for subsequent lessons.

#### **Formative Assessment**

"Effective formative assessment involves using <u>tasks</u> that elicit evidence of students' learning, then using that evidence to inform subsequent instruction" (NCTM, 2014, p. 95). What is the Engaged Professional Development: 5 Engaged Professional Learning 5

# Build an inquiry community by examining evidence and data.

Use a protocol support

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### Thank you!

**Questions?** 

I wish you the best!

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How will the teacher communicate expectations for reasoning, thinking, and collaborating while problem solving? How will the teacher engage the students in the learning (so that the students are as equally engaged as the teacher?

What explicit connections should be made from the task to mathematical understanding? What are three things that will happen in the closure of this task?

What questions might the students ask?

Kobett, NCTM, 2015

Which math practices should students exhibit?

How might the arts connect to this task?

How might you extend this lesson if a group finishes before other groups are done?

What questions might you ask while students are working?

How might you support students persevering through the task?

How might you motivate a struggling learner? How might you differentiate the task for differing student populations? Select an individual student and imagine how the student will respond to the task. How do you envision students will work together?

What questions might students pose while working on the task?

How might you support student collaboration?

How might you support students in exhibiting SFMP 3? (Critique the reasoning of others?) How might you differentiate the task for differing student populations? How will the teacher facilitate student collaboration? What specific teacher moves might you observe?

What facilitating questions will be used to open the lesson?

What does the teacher look like and sound like during this lesson? What type of environment must the teacher develop for students to engage in this task? What does this look like?

How does the teacher organize the physical space for this lesson? Does this look different than other lessons? How/why?

How does the teacher establish an environment for students that signifies respect and rapport? How will the teacher close the task? What does this look like?

How will the teacher select groups to share? What order? Why?

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How will the teacher ensure the students understand the point of the task?

What happens tomorrow?