



Fourth Annual Conference

Engaging Secondary School Students and Their Communities

Forum Breakout Session



HELP: Ensuring Educational Excellence through Equity and Effective School Practices

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Our cultures, learning styles, and varied experiences affect the ways we teach and learn. Connecting with students and valuing what each individual brings to the classroom are keys to ensuring that all students achieve at high levels. In this session, participants will gain an understanding of the ways context influences both instruction and learning in the classroom. By building competencies using case studies, a 5-step problem-solving method, collaboration, and reflective practice, session participants will explore new methods of culturally responsive teaching and differentiated instruction geared toward students of all learning styles and multiple intelligences. New knowledge, skills and attitudes will enable participants to better serve their increasingly diverse students.