**Five Paths of Student Engagement:**

**Positive Ways Forward Beyond the Pandemic**

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Engagement is the new frontier of student achievement. Across the world, between a third and a quarter of secondary school students say they are bored. Similar proportions say they have no meaning or purpose in life. But there’s more to getting our students engaged than just battling boredom by trying harder, or asking them to explore the meaning of life.

This day-long workshop presents original research findings that can lead directly to your students’ learning and success. It shows that improving student engagement means more than beating back boredom with gimmicks that entertain but don’t educate. True engagement is about mystery and magic, meaning and purpose, and focus and mastery. But there are five enemies of engagement blocking our paths in our schools and we must know how to defeat them. To do so, we set out clear paths to student engagement that will enable you not only to improve your teaching, but also to change your school so engagement becomes less elusive and more achievable.

In this highly interactive and expertly designed workshop participants will:

1. **Learn** how to combine psychological and sociological approaches to truly recognize and understand student engagement, and capitalize on students’ intrinsic and extrinsic motivation.
2. **Identify** the 5 enemies of or obstacles to student engagement and know how to defeat them.
3. **Reflect** on what causes disengagement in your students and your colleagues, and figure out how to turn disengagement on its head.
4. **Collaborate** with one another to create engagement strategies that will not only change your own classrooms but also transform all your schools.

The truth is that when it comes to disengagement, we - teachers, leaders, policymakers and university professors – are too often part of the problem. But the good news is that the pandemic compelled all of us to look more closely at what we have been doing and to create new paths of student engagement. In this workshop you will learn just what those five paths are and how to make the most of them in practical ways that you can start using in your schools and systems immediately.

Come and join us for a day you won’t forget!