

Breakout Session Social Emotional Learning: Tension and Complement to Blended and Personalized Learning

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We welcome ALL of you, teachers, coaches, administrators, community members, and policymakers.

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Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Texas Tech University. Her research emerges at the intersection of Educational Technology, Pedagogical Innovation, Diversity and Equity Issues, and Global Studies. Greenhalgh-Spencer researches blended / personalized learning (BL/PL) and the ways that BL/PL can create diverse pathways and increased opportunities for all students. Dr. Greenhalgh-Spencer has published in multiple international journals of education. She teaches courses on e-learning, blended/personalized learning pedagogies, diversity ideologies and policies, and educational philosophy.



Jeasik Cho, Ph.D.

An associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Texas Tech University; Explores *compassion* as a virtue in order to remind the teacher and the student of the importance of common humanity in a multicultural society. "I strongly believe that Blended Learning and Personalized Learning (BL/PL) could serve as an alternative educational theory and praxis for providing diverse pathways and increased opportunities for ALL students."



Claudia L. Meza

Howdy! I'm Claudia Meza and I am a Texas A&M undergraduate student completing my ME.d from Texas Tech University in Curriculum & Instruction with a concentration in Personalized/Blended Learning.

As an 11 year educator, I currently teach 5th-grade bilingual math and science at a Title 1 school in Spring Branch ISD. My true passion is in bilingual education along with personalized learning. As Vanguard Fellow, I have invested 4 years of understanding and applying SEL & PL in my classroom using the instructional framework of Summit Learning, CASEL and ASCD.



I've learned to accept failure, to take risks, and accept any challenges in order to discover something new and innovate for my classroom and to better my student's experiences.



- 1. SEL Frameworks and BL/PL Frameworks
- 2. Overlap and Tensions
- 3. Application of SEL+BL/PL in the classroom
- 4. Discussion and Resources (Small Group Work)
- 5. Ending Discussion and Takeaways

Session Learning Outcomes:

1. Gain knowledge on the research-based competencies to effectively combine SEL and BL/PL.

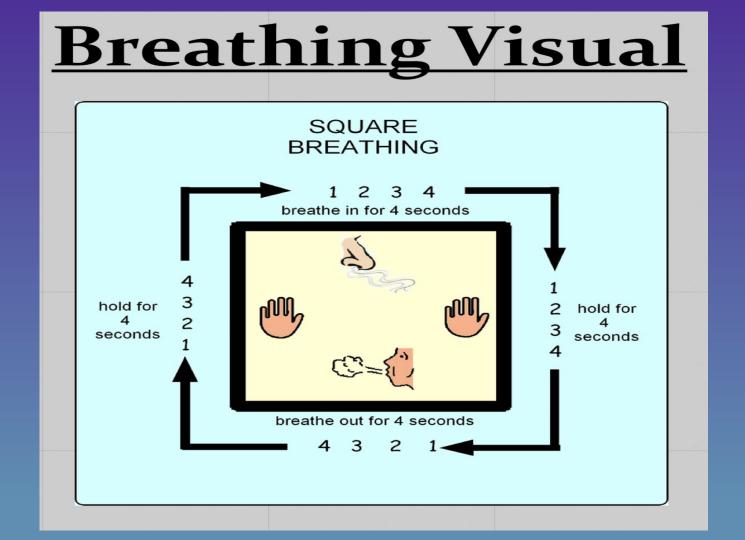
2. Gain hands-on design experience for developing your own competencies around SEL + BL/PL.

 Engage in a Challenge-Solution focus for group analysis of the tensions and opportunities of combining a focus on SEL with a focus and practice on BL/PL.

SEL: Teacher's Moral Obligation

 My job as a teacher wasn't just for them to read and do math, but more about helping them feel good about themselves and their relationships with others.

 "Educating the mind without educating the heart has led to brilliant scientists who use their intelligence for evil"



Teacher Emotion: Keep up?? Confused... exhausted ... emotionally drained this Pandemic school year ...

"As usual, we teachers struggle throughout the year to figure out how to get through everything under the best circumstances ... recognizing the needs for differentiations, support, acceleration, remediations, etc.

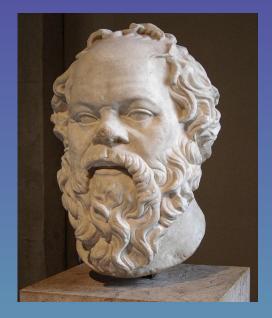
Now, they have to get through do <u>even more</u> under in much different circumstances ... *their level of stress are far exceeding the level of students*"

Emotionally, teachers are challenged ... <u>We Teachers NEED SEL as much as</u> <u>students do!!</u> We Teachers need SE support!!!! We need "direction and structure within manageable flexibility ..."

We want to give "all of you" a pat on the back for all you do ...

The Emotional Turn: Age of Anger (Mishra, 2017)

Socrates: Know Thyselfl to 'Know Thyself' is necessary for wisdom



We now should say: Feel Thyself: SEL is necessary for *real* success (happiness!)

Why do we have emotions? Why do we need them?

Emotional Intelligence: A different kind of smart: Self-awareness, managing emotion, self-motivation, empathy, and handling relationships (Goleman, 1994)

Emotional Intelligence (EI), Emotional Leadership (EL), Emotional Quotient (EQ)

Daniel Goleman (1994)

The capability of individuals to <u>recognize</u> their own emotions and those of others, <u>discern</u> between different feelings and <u>label</u> them appropriately, <u>use</u> emotional information to guide thinking and behavior, and <u>manage</u> and/or <u>adjust</u> emotions to adapt to environments or achieve one's goal(s).

⇒ Why it can matter more than IQ in the 1990s: Children to be more troubled emotionally; more lonely & depressed, more angry and unruly, more nervous & prone to worry, more impulsive and aggressive => NOW? Internet? Violent Games? Smart Phone? Social Media? Pandemic?? Changing Humans!!

Paul Eckman 1970s: 6 basic emotions



1. Happiness



4. Disgust

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Types of Basic Emotions

5. Anger



3. Fear



6. Surprise

 Later expand to 4 more: Pride, Shame, Embarrassment,& Excitement

 A total of 27 basic emotions (Cowen & Keltner, 2017)

 Fear => Anxiety: Social emotion: an anticipated fear of social situations ...

Social Competence: 3 Concepts (Gresham, 2018)

- Sociometric Approach: Indices of social preference or status, e.g., accepted or rejected (Hartup, 2009).
- 2. Social Learning Theory: Vicarious learning in social environments (Bandura, 1986)
- 3. Social Validity Theory: Social skills prioritized by a person's social significance (Wolf, 1978)

SEL Research: Durlak et al. (2011): 213 School, 270K K-12 students

Academic performance in standardized reading or math achievement test scores and school grades showed an increase of Effect Size of .27 or 11%

⇒ The average member of the control group would demonstrate an 11-percentile gain in achievement IF they had participated in an SEL program.

 $50th \Rightarrow 61th 70th \Rightarrow 81th 80th \Rightarrow 91th!!!$ PS: SEEL Framework for the value and long-term wellbeing

Stress Scale

Mood Meter

| Fill | in your owr | Stress Scale | Scared Argumentative | * Brave |
|---------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|
| Level 5 | Person, place or thing | Makes me feel like this: This could make me lose control!!!! This can really upset me. | Angry Mad Worried | +4 Confident +3 Energized +2 +1 |
| 3 | | This can make me feel nervous. | | -1 |
| 2 | | This sometimes bothers me. | Sad Bullied Tired | |
| 1 | | This never bothers me. | Depressed | 4 Open- Minded Mellow 5 Comfortable |

Social-Emotional Learning

- 1. Self-Awareness
- 2. Self-Management
- 3. Social Awareness
- 4. Relationship Skills
- 5. Responsive Decision Making

(CASEL: Educating Hearts, Inspiring Minds; UNESCO, 2019)

RULER 5 Emotional Skills

- 1. Recognizing
- 2. Understanding
- 3. Labeling
- 4. Expressing
- 5. Regulating

To teach EI to people of all ages, with the goal of creating a healthier, more equitable, innovative, and compassionate society (*Permission to feel*, **Marc Brackett**, 2019)

SEL Programs for more "Relationship"

- RULER Elementary SELect Program K-8
- The 4 Rs
- The Caring School Community Program
- I Can Problem Solve
- The Incredible Years Series
- Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies
- Positive Action
- The Resolving Conflict Creatively Program
- Second Step
- Steps to Respect
- THe Social Skills Improvement System Classwide Intervention Program

=> + Positive Behavior/Prosocial Skills, -Conduct Problems, - Emotional Distress, + Academic Performance

Universal Intervention

School Environmental Survey PD for teachers Classroom-based Home-Link

Listening, following rules, ignoring peer distractions, asking for help, cooperating with others, controlling temper in conflict situations, acting responsibly with others, showing kindness to others=> Social behaviors

BL-PL Framework

Learn more at:

https://www.depts. ttu.edu/education/ graduate/blpl/fram ework.php Learner Driven

Teacher Redefined

Environment Enriched

Learner Driven

Learner's Voice & Choice

| • Analyzin | ıg |
|------------------------------|-----|
| • Designir | ıg |
| • Facilitat | ing |
| • Managir | ıg |
| • Monitor | ing |
| Assessin | lg |

BL-PL Defining Terms

Learn more at:

https://docs.googl e.com/document/d /1rFUNXhPapblO deyFaA_yusFnPm vPV2U_poyLoqBn Szc/edit?usp=shar ing

Defining Our Terms

The terms below can be defined in several different ways. In fact, the literature in this field of research shows that these terms are still in the process of being defined; the terms are in flux. For the sake of clarity, this is how *we* define these terms. Our definitions are embedded in the research that is included as part of the "Resources" column. The "Resources" column includes links to information on references, definitions, and best practices.

| Personalized Curriculum | This term defines curriculum that is built from the ground up, with a specific audience (individual student, group of students) in mind. This curriculum is distinguished from pre-packaged curricula that can be bought and distributed as a set scope and sequence. | | | | |
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| 1. https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00228958.2019.1622383?src=recsys | | | | | |
| 2. <u>htt</u> | p://www.centeril.org/2016handbook/resources/Mahon_chapter_web.pdf | | | | |
| 3. <u>htt</u> | ps://practices.learningaccelerator.org/strategies/designing-custom-curriculum | | | | |
| 4. <u>htt</u> | p://centeril.org/2016Handbook/resources/Mahon_chapter_web.pdf | | | | |

PERSONALIZED LEARNING CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK & CORE COMPETENCIES FOR TEACHER CANDIDATES

| | ANALYZING | DESIGNING | FACILITATING | MANAGING | MONITORING | ASSESSING |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| LEARNER DRIVEN | Identify and communicate one's own learning interests, needs, aspirations, and academic and career goals. | Write daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly action plans to map one's own learning path and pace. | Use self-regulation strategies (e.g., time check, read aloud, pacing, etc.) to facilitate one's own learning. | Co-design learning space in and outside of classroom according to one's or group's needs with the help of teachers, parents, and | Keep personal records of learning activities and use different ways (e.g., data dashboards, online quizzes, drafting, checklists, etc.) to | Conduct on-going peer evaluation to provide and receive feedback to improve personal learning experiences. |
| TEACHER REDEFINED MULTIPLE TEACHER ROLES | Select and/or develop learning opportunities that address one's interests, needs, aspirations, and goals. Consult with teachers to verify, articulate, and | Co-design with peers, teachers and community experts the activities and tools to acquire information and apply skill sets to achieve one's learning goals. Co-design with peers, | Discuss expectations for group work and demonstrate leadership by helping peers focus on learning objectives. Ask questions or provide resources to peers in order to facilitate pair, | Coordinate with peers and teachers for transitioning from one activity to another. Communicate respectfully with peers and teachers | Hold regular meetings with group members to monitor each other's progress, discuss accountability, and suggest improvements. | Use different ways (e.g., tests, essays, worksheets, exhibitions, presentations, etc.) to showcase one's learning outcomes and demonstrate mastery. Consult with teachers for |
| ENVIRONMENT ENRICHED | adjust one's own learning goals and pathways. | teachers and community experts the activities that enable collaboration with peers, teachers, and experts at local, national, and international levels. | group, or class activities and discussions. | by acknowledging differences in cultures, opinions, and experiences. | Consult with teachers when necessary to make immediate and effective adjustments to learning activities or learning pathways. | feedback on a regular basis to identify ways to further improve, as well as to generate goals for future learning. |

MODEL GROWTH MINDSETS : COMMITMENT TO EQUITY : RESHAPING SCHOOL CULTURE

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| LEARNER | Collect, integrate, | Design customized | Implement multiple | Organize flexible and | Document regularly each | Provide each student |
| DRIVEN | analyze, and prioritize | lessons and activities | activities simultaneously | customizable learning | student's progress | with ongoing and |
| LEARNER'S VOICE & CHOICE | academic and non- | that accommodate each | for individuals, small | space (e.g., supplies, | towards learning goals | embedded feedback in a |
| EDAMENS VOICE & CHOICE | academic student data. | student's or a group of | groups, large groups, | resources, technology | to further discuss | manner that supports |
| | | students' learning path | and/or an entire class to | tools) to facilitate | learning pathways and | learning. |
| | Discuss with each | and pace. | accommodate each | different activities for | pace. | |
| | student his or her | | student's needs, | individuals, small groups, | | Model differentiated |
| | learning goals and | Design customized | interests, and goals. | large groups, and/or an | Suggest self-regulation | assessment methods so |
| TEACHER | learning pathways to | lessons using different | D (1 m LP | entire class. | strategies to each | that each student |
| REDEFINED | provide multiple learning | learning modes (e.g., f2f, | Provide scaffoldings | | student according to his | decides on the way(s) to |
| | options and | online, blended) to | (e.g., questions, | Coordinate transitions between each student's | or her documented | evaluate his or her own |
| MULTIPLE TEACHER ROLES | opportunities. | facilitate students' | resources, technology tools, feedback) to | or a group of students' | learning progress and | learning process and outcomes. |
| | Align each student's | content mastery. | address each student's | activities. | observed learning | outcomes. |
| | learning goals and | Design customized | immediate needs. | activities. | process. | Discuss with each |
| | pathways to academic | activities that enable | interests, and goals. | Keep a safe and | Make immediate and | student his or her |
| | standards and expected | each student to | interests, and goals. | respectful classroom | effective adjustments | learning achievements |
| ENVIDONMENT | learning outcomes to | collaborate with peers, | Facilitate different | environment that | using information | using data from multiple |
| ENVIRONMENT | identify content, tasks, | teachers, and experts at | activities and strategies | promotes diversity and | gathered from | sources to generate |
| ENRICHED | resources, and tools that | local, national and | that allow each student | creativity. | monitoring processes to | goals for future learning. |
| | need to be organized or | international levels. | to make his or her own | | meet each student's | 5 |
| CUSTOMIZED SETTINGS & TECHNOLOGY | developed in advance. | | choices on how to learn. | | needs. | |
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| LEARNER DRIVEN | Software or systems are available to document and analyze students' academic and non- academic data. | Curriculum builder tools are available to design customized lessons and activities incorporating community-based, web- based, and curricular- | A learning management system is available to enable simultaneous facilitation of multiple learning activities both inside and outside the | Classroom environment (e.g., supplies, technologies, etc) can be easily adapted to support individual or group learning activities. | Software or systems are available for regularly tracking and monitoring student growth in order to inform instructional decision making. | Curriculum builder tools are available to embed feedback in advance to lessons and activities. Systems or procedures |
| TEACHER REDEFINED MULTIPLE TEACHER ROLES | Software or systems are available to manage work of aligning students' learning goals with academic standards. Software or procedures are in place to enable students to design their | based tools and resources. Software or systems are available to design multi- modal learning activities for content mastery and beyond. | classroom. Technology tools are available to provide just- in-time scaffolding for students' learning. Multiple forms of resources (e.g., text-, | Clear procedures are in place to enable efficient transitioning between between learning activities. Web-based tools are available to facilitate | Software or procedures are in place to support students' self-regulation of learning. Software or procedures are in place that allow teachers to monitor | are in place that permit ongoing assessment and provide just-in-time feedback. Technology tools and systems are available to assist differentiation of assessment methods. |
| ENVIRONMENT ENRICHED CUSTOMIZED SETTINGS & TECHNOLOGY | learning pathway. | Web conferencing tools are in place for collaborative design of lessons and activities with peers, teachers, and experts at local, national, and international levels. | multimedia-, and web- based) are available to assist individual and group learning activities. | collaboration with other students, teachers, parents, and community experts. | student progress and to make immediate instructional adjustments. | |

MODEL GROWTH MINDSETS : COMMITMENT TO EQUITY : RESHAPING SCHOOL CULTURE

SEL and BL/PL Overlap and Tensions

• Theoretically, they support each other

- Both frameworks are student-centered
- Both frameworks emphasize student choice and self-regulation
- Both frameworks emphasize self-awareness
- Both frameworks guide toward framing goals that are not only focused on academic achievement

Tensions are more context based and application based

- BL/PL has stronger emphasis on data
- BL/PL has stronger emphasis on managing the self
- SEL has stronger focus on managing relationship

SEL and BL/PL Overlap and Tensions: Questions

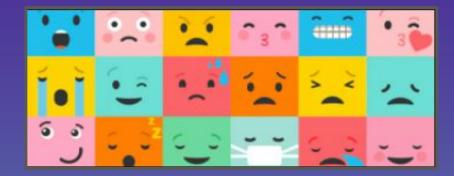
How do you see BL/PL + SEL?
 Do you see more tensions or overlap?

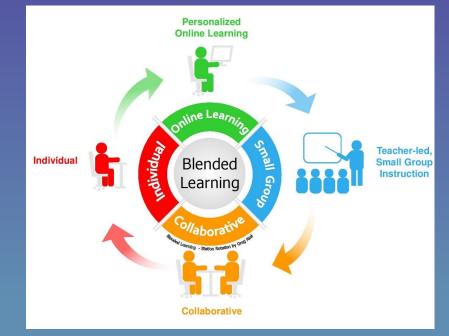
• What strategies do you use that allow BL/PL and SEL to work together to better support students and teachers?

SEL+BL/PL Applied

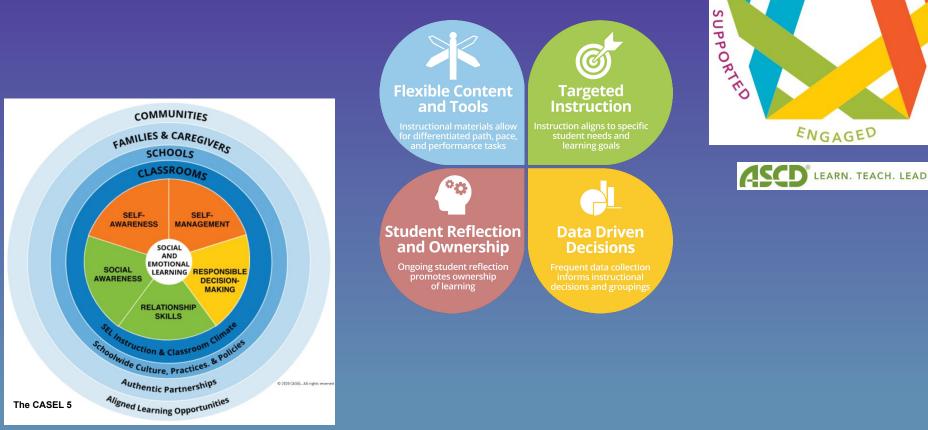
- Every Child matters.
- Every student has different learning needs.
- Every student has a their story to tell.
- Every student has a voice and wants to be heard.

Students learn at least in part through online learning, with some element of student control over time, place, path, and/or pace; and the modalities along each student's learning path within a course or subject are connected to provide an integrated learning experience.





Customizing Learning



CHALLENGED

HEALTHY

SAFE

Mentoring-Building Relationships

A mentor...

- is someone who acts as their advocate both inside and outside of the classroom.
- can be a teacher, a school leader, or other administrators at a student's school.





The idea of a mentor is for the student to trust and share their glows and growths throughout this process.

What to do during Mentoring?

Mentors can:

- Schedule regular check-in meetings
- Set a check-in agenda
- Follow up on student goals
- Take notes:
 - Academic
 - Personal
- Leave notes for students or for themselves about the students
- Review past check-ins
- See consolidated data, such as academic data and days since last check-in



1:1 Mentorship

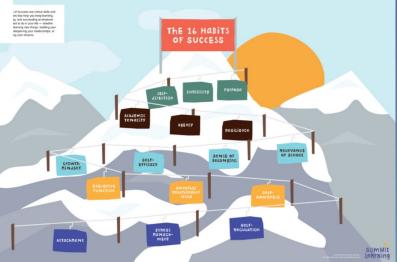




Fostering SEL through Academics

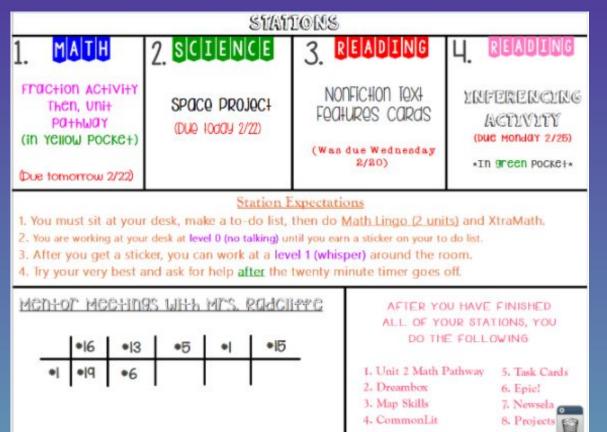


Leader In Me



The 16 Habits of Success

Self Directed Learning-Activities



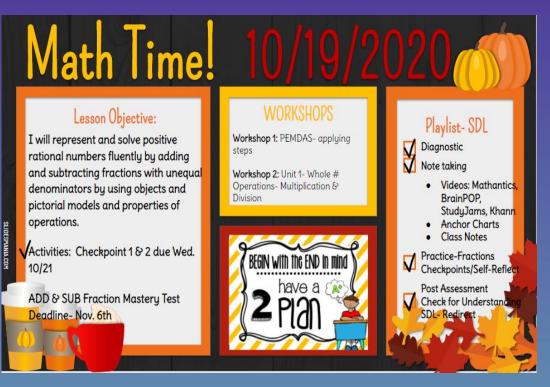
Multiple subjects:

- CHOICE
- Create a variety of activities
- Different due dates
 - To-do lists for students will help with organization
- Expect more teacher "guidance"
- Deeper thinking at each station
- Projects
- Expect more collaboration

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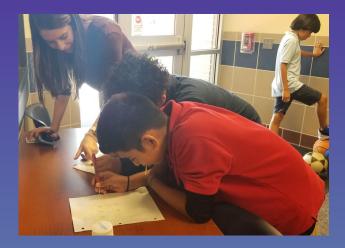
One subject:

- Create a variety of activities
 Task cards, hands-on, project, technology, LMS
 Could be due on the same day
- Could differentiate based on proficiency scales
- Less collaboration
- □ Will have early finishers



Mentoring can happen before or after mini workshops.

Self Directed Learning- Celebrations













Group Work Assignment: Develop a list of strategies from both SEL and BL/PL that you could use in your own educational context. Talk about why you chose the strategies that you did.

BL/PL Strategies

- Learner Profiles
- Goal Sheets
- 1-1 / student-teacher meetings
- Student-Lead data meetings
- Student-Lead goal conferences
- Student learning journals
- Student aspiration boards
- Group projects guided by curriculum
 - + student needs/desires

SEL Strategies

- Breathing
- Quick Mindfulness Meditation (and Yoga)
- Feeling (+ Self-Talk) about the present
- What I can or can't control
- Anger Management (Thermometer)
- Conversation Skill (share & empathy)
- Compliment Tag
- Social Autopsy Chart (What, when, how, what if) == Draw what you wish happen (next slide)
- Stress Map/Scale ...

Social Autopsy Chart

| Here's what was going on: | Here's what I did that caused a social error: | Here's what happened when I did that: | Here's what I should do to make things right: | Here's what I'll do next time to keep it alive: |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|---|
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Group Work time (10-12 min)

- 1. Develop a list of strategies from both SEL and BL/PL that you could use in your own educational context.
- 2. Talk about why you chose the strategies that you did.



Share out time

- 1. What strategies did you choose and why?
- 2. As you were going through this activity, did you see overlaps and tensions with how you would apply SEL and/or BL/PL?
- 3. What did you learn from a peer during the group work activity?





Final Thought Questions

- 1. What did you learn that you didn't already know?
- 2. What do you still want to learn?
- 3. What is your biggest takeaway from the session?

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