

What is a best practice used by your school district to execute the Playbook Initiative? (i.e. how student participants were selected; Trainer mentorship; best practices with specific facilitation components; community engagement; etc.)?

“We started small. We asked a select group of thirty students to participate last year. It was tricky to select these students but we worked with guidance counselors and staff to do so. Most of these students will return in Jan. when we have our first session led by Ben Nguyen and we have invited approx. 30 more students. Some of those students from last year will eventually, hopefully, become student leaders.”

Mary Flanagan, Lead Educator, Norwell Public Schools

What resources supported your workshop success (technology, handouts, etc)?

“My wonderful colleague, Jen Marani, is amazing at technology. She created a short film of the students' comments from their experiences and thoughts after participating. These type of student messages are important for staff to see.”

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What advice would you like to share with first-time Playbook Districts?

“Let the students lead! We are merely there to help Ben and Amaya, our student leaders, with student directions, or clarifications. Ben and Amaya work directly with the students. The relationship between these high school students and our middle school students is important as the trust that is built through honesty, and conversations together helps create a safe space for our new students to share.”

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