

Rekindling the Fire

with Mike Anderson, WPS Institute, and Greg Coles
Thursday, August 8, 2024 from 8:00am – 4:00pm



Learning Intentions

- Participants will gain a deeper understanding of student motivation and consider practical ideas for designing learning that is intrinsically motivating.
- Participants will consider how the same categories of student motivation apply to professional engagement and will gain many practical ideas for rekindling their professional fires.
- Participants will apply new insights and explore classroom practices to design learning experiences that support intrinsic motivation from the very beginning of the school year.

Agenda

8:00 AM	Welcome, Connections, and Overview of the Day
8:30 AM	Boost Teacher and Student Motivation with Mike Anderson <i>Students can be more self-motivated for schoolwork when that work aligns with a few key psychological needs: autonomy, competence, purpose, belonging, curiosity, and fun. As it turns out, these are the same conditions which educators need to stay fired up and passionate about teaching. In the active and interactive session, participants will learn more about these six intrinsic motivators, how to weave them into their daily teaching with students, how to build personal and professional habits to meet these needs as educators, and how to create school cultures that nurture these needs for everyone. This work will be practical—giving teachers and school/district leaders concrete strategies they can bring back to their teaching and implement right away.</i>
11:30 AM	LUNCH
12:15 PM	From Disengaged to Engaged: a Learner-Centered Map for Activating Motivation with WPS Institute <i>Drawing on the work of an innovative Middle School program, this interactive workshop is designed to equip you with research-based, youth-centered strategies that engage and empower students to thrive in school and beyond.</i>
1:45 PM	Break & Transition
2:00 PM	Drumming in Community with Greg Coles
3:15 PM	Break & Transition
3:30 PM	Reflection, Commitments, and Evaluation
4:00 PM	Close