Creating EPIC Moments in Math Class

Elevation Pride Insight Connection

Moments of Elevation: Select a math task, routine, or lesson. How might you modify it to boost sensory appeal, raise the stakes, and break the script for students? How might you restructure the beginnings and ends of your math class after considering the Peak-End Rule?	

Moments of Pride	
How are you currently recognizing your students? What do you value? Would your students agree with you? Is there a recognition gap between you and your students? What system(s) might you set up to ensure you are giving meaningful feedback to each and every one of your students?	

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Moments of Insight:	
Think of a particular mathematical concept you teach. What visual representations, concrete models, and contexts would help you and your students deepen your conceptual understanding of that concept? Play around with the mathematics for yourself to develop your insight and craft questions you might ask the students so they can discover those same insights for themselves.	

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Moments of Connection:	
What is a synchronizing experience you can give your whole class for them to build shared meaning? In what ways will you support the shared struggle for them without coming to the rescue? How can you draw on all students' ideas to construct a shared understanding of the mathematics?	

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Mathematical Identities and Think of each and every one of your students. Does every student feel like you see them and truly understand what is important to them? Does every student feel like you respect who they are and what they want? Does every student feel like you take active steps and supportive steps to help them meet their needs?	

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What structures can you put in place to ensure that all of your students perceive a high level of responsiveness from you? **Class Culture:** How will you work to create a culture of shared vulnerability in mathematics where everyone has strengths and areas to grow and all are valued and accepted?	

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