



Elder Wisdom

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on teachers to consider the concept of Elder Wisdom.

Small Group Discussion

Work with a small group to discuss the quote.

- What do you think Point meant by ‘ a PHD in Elder Wisdom’?
- What do you see as some attributes of character in one that has elder wisdom?
- How do you see this notion in relationship to contemporary education? How might such a shift change outcomes for students?

Be prepared to share you thoughts with the larger group in 30 minutes

Debriefing

What elements of elder wisdom resonates most with those at you table?

What would the long term implications be for school /community?

Follow Up

What one thing might you do in the next 2 weeks to move toward a culture of Elder Wisdom? Declare you intention and post on the wall.