

# ChalkTalk Advice

At the start of a school year, it can be helpful to remember our aspirations. Here are some from a **Chalk Talk** at last year's Autumn Open Training. Feeling inspired? What can you do to improve this year?

Race is not a predictor of success or lack thereof

Create a space to have difficult conversations to move beyond old "hurts"

Equal access to tools and experiences that others have across the country

eliminate grades!   
 How would you know about success?   
 Assess formatively for progress and growth!

How do you know NOW?!

Less worry about what others are or are not doing

More job security at a specific grade level. Less bumping or displacing... Sometimes a change is good, though!

Follow every child on their path and challenge them. Know your students!

See that it's not "your students" and "my students" it's "OUR students"

Creative/develop a mindset that ALL students can learn at high levels

## What would you change for your students & staff?

A sense of urgency about stuff. YES! Time is of the essence!

- ★ Have ★ Inspirational Leadership! ★

That teachers and students would understand the relevance and satisfaction of building relationship

Get rid of stuff! Declutter!

Train across content areas to increase understanding of common cores

Focus on student achievement/instruction, not general school business

Are these connected?

Mandate that all regular education and content area chairs take a course in special education ... and reading!

Decide what school should NOT do/be/held accountable for

create a more trusting environment

Provide staff with paid time for planning AND CFGs

That students would have someone at home to talk to about their day, take a special interests in them, and give them some TLC

More cross-grade-level articulation

Embrace creativity!

more opportunities for teacher learning! and collaboration!

Make use of technology to increase comfort level

"Value-added" is not just based on test scores   
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