



Communities of Practice are groups of people who share a common concern, set of problems, or passion about a topic, and deepen their knowledge and expertise in this area by interacting on an ongoing basis."

—Etienne Wenger

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INSTRUCTIONAL ISSUES' COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE POWER HOUR

PURPOSE

The NJEA PDII Community of Practice for educators will serve as a collaborative space where they can share knowledge, expertise, and best practices. It will facilitate problem-solving, continuous learning, professional connections, and professional development, encouraging reflection and staying updated with current trends. By building relationships and networks, educators expand their support systems and access to resources. This community will also promote equity, inclusion, diversity, and belonging in educational practices and spaces, ultimately aiming to enhance student success through empowered and well-equipped educators.

OVERVIEW

The NJEA PDII Community of Practice will be an energizing experience for its participants. We will meet virtually every month from October to April for dynamic discussions on a range of educational topics. Our sessions will be led by two enthusiastic Professional Development and Instructional Issues Consultants, ensuring engaging and interactive conversations. We believe in organic discussions that are guided by the needs and expertise of the group, making each session unique and impactful. This is not your traditional PD, but a less formal means of collaborating, learning, sharing experiences, and growing together!

The NJEA PDII Community of Practice is guided by the following values:

- **Inclusivity:** Embracing diversity and ensuring all voices are heard and valued.
- **Equity:** Promoting fairness and equal opportunity for all.
- **Collaboration:** Fostering a spirit of teamwork and cooperative effort.
- **Innovation:** Encouraging creative thinking and the exploration of new ideas.
- **Empowerment:** Supporting members to take initiative and lead within the community.
- **Sustainability:** Ensuring the long-term viability and impact of the community.

Monthly sessions will run from October through April, 4-5:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE SESSIONS

Thriving, Not Just Surviving:

Strategies for Educators

During Challenging Times

Katherine Burke and Pamela Koharchik

The education landscape is ever-changing, and navigating difficult times can be draining. This highly interactive community equips educators with practical tools and strategies to foster resilience, manage stress, and cultivate a positive classroom environment even amidst challenges.

Leaning into AI

Michael Mason and Brian Janik

This interactive conversation dives into the transformative potential of AI in education. Explore ethics & impact, discover powerful learning tools & strategies, and gain the confidence to integrate AI effectively. Share your own favorite AI tools, strategies, and questions to foster a collaborative learning environment!

Educator-Centric Social-Emotional

Learning Community of Practice

(SEL COP)

Deanne Martini and Brenda Martin-Lee

In the modern educational landscape, educators play a pivotal role in fostering students' social-emotional development. This Educator-Centric Social-Emotional Learning Community of Practice will provide a dedicated platform for educators to collaborate, share insights, and enhance their practices in social-emotional learning (SEL).

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