

Welcome to PowerSchool PowerUps: Schology Learning



PowerUPs

October 12, 2023

Today's Agenda

- Welcome and Agenda Overview
 - Sharing Links!
- Schoology Learning
 - Product Updates
 - Increase Usage / Adoption
 - Best Practices
 - Resources

**Please remember to ask your questions in Q&A. The EIC team will be posting resources in the Chat.*



Unified Classroom

Schoology Learning



Recordings are Available on PS Community!

PowerSchool Community

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Watch Now! PowerSchool PowerUps: Classroom (Schoolology Learning)



[PowerSchool PowerUps: Classroom](#)

PowerSchool PowerUps: Classroom meetings are led **monthly** by the Classroom Education Impact Consultant Team. These meetings focus on various topics and updates for **Performance Matters** and **Schoolology Learning**.

[Previous Recordings](#)

[January Recording: Advisor/Advisee Roles and Section Level Override Roles](#)

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"Watch Schoolology
PowerUps"

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Previous Recordings

PowerSchool PowerUp Events

Register for **any** upcoming PowerSchool PowerUp Events!

- *Events > All Events > [PowerUp Events](#)*

PowerUps are currently offered for:

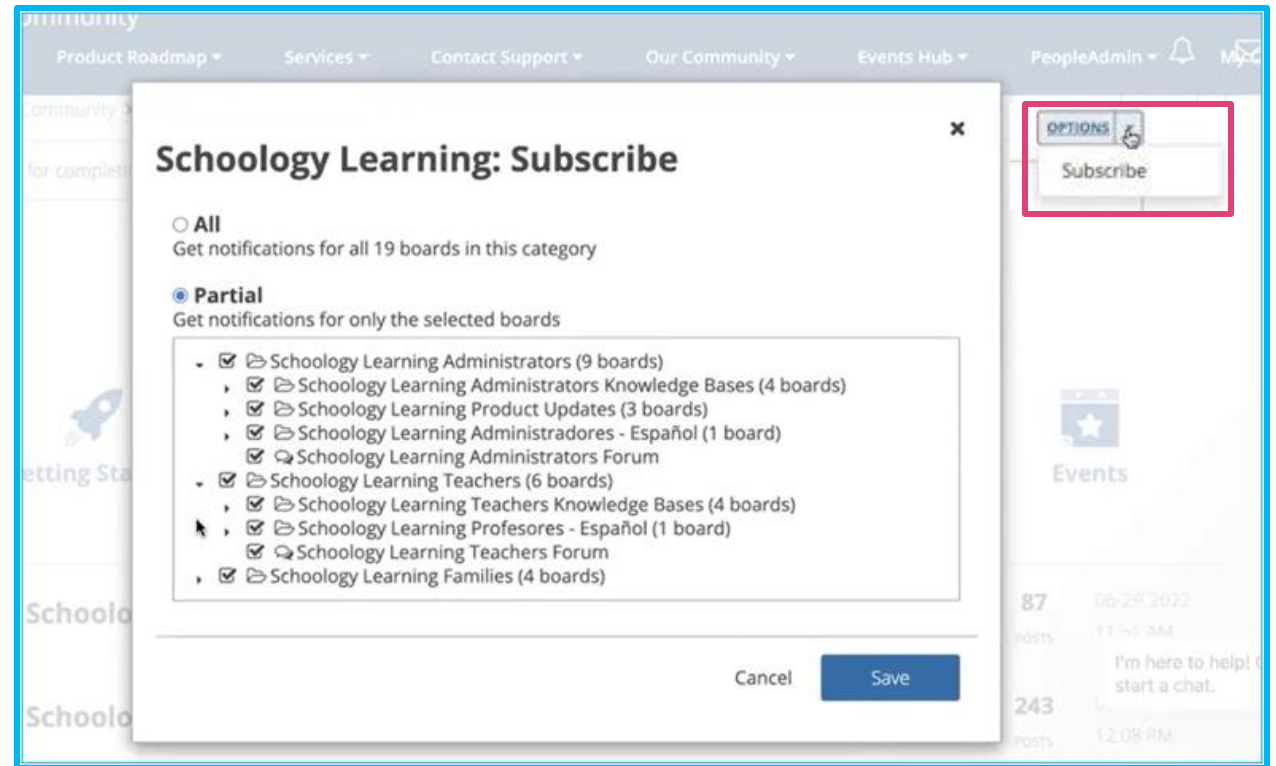
- Classroom (*Schoology Learning, Performance Matters, Behavior Support*)
- Unified Classroom Special Programs
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Naviance
- Enrollment
- Unified Insight
- Talent (*Professional Learning, Applicant Tracking, Records and Onboarding, Perform*)

The screenshot shows a web page for a PowerSchool PowerUp event. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Our Community', 'Events Hub', 'PeopleAdmin', and 'My Contacts'. Below this is a search bar and a breadcrumb trail: 'PowerSchool Community > All Events > PowerUp Events > PowerSchool PowerUps: Classroom (Thursday Session)'. The main heading is 'PowerSchool PowerUps: Classroom (Thursday Session)'. A large blue banner features the PowerSchool logo and the text 'PowerUps'. Below the banner, the event details are listed: 'Published on 02-15-2022 04:44 PM by [janacohen] | Updated on 02-15-2022 04:52 PM'. The event is scheduled for 'February 17, 2022 at 1 PM Eastern Time' and is 'free to attend'. A prominent red 'REGISTER NOW' button is displayed. The page also includes a 'Will you be attending?' section with 'Yes', 'No', and 'Maybe' options, and a 'Send Invite' button. A 'Topics' section lists 'Performance Matters: 22.2 Product Updates and PowerSchool Source Item Bank Updates' and 'Schoology: Usage and Course Analytics Best Practices'. A 'Labels' section shows 'Performance Matters' and 'Schoology'. The page footer contains the text: 'Do you use both Schoology and Performance Matters and can't decide which breakout you want to join? Or, can't make this time? Register to join additional offerings! Content will be consistent across offerings. Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 4 PM Eastern Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 9 AM Eastern'.

Stay in the Know



- PowerUps!
- Subscribe: Newsletters & Updates in PS Community
- Monthly Release Notes
- Webinars
- Join Groups
- Connect with your PowerSchool Contact



Submit a Product Idea on the Ideas Portal

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool Ideas Portal interface. At the top, there is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Contact Support > PowerSchool Ideas Portal. The main heading is "Welcome to the PowerSchool Ideas Portal". Below this, there is a paragraph explaining the portal's purpose: "Use this portal to submit enhancement ideas and feature requests for all PowerSchool solutions and products. In addition to submitting new ideas, you can also review, comment on, and vote on others' enhancements. Visit the Contact Support page if you need product support." A note follows: "Please note: we recommend searching existing ideas before submitting a new one to reduce duplication. Please review our article on Submitting an Enhancement Request." Another note states: "All submitted ideas are typically reviewed in 30 business days."

The interface includes a navigation bar with "Add a new idea", "Recent", "Trending", and "Popular" tabs. A search bar labeled "Search Ideas" is located on the right. On the left, there is a sidebar with filters: "My ideas" (0), "My votes" (0), "My subscriptions" (0), "FILTER BY STATUS" (Review In Progress: 416, Reviewed - Unscheduled: 20219, Scheduled - Future Release: 691, In Development: 92, Shipped: 1287, Already Exists: 686, Support Issue: 127, Will Not Implement: 849), and "FILTER BY PRODUCT/CATEGORY" (Applicant T: 2).

The main content area displays three ideas:

- Make teachers accountable for entering grades in a timely manner**: 3,677 votes. Description: "Too many times I have logged on to see all zeros for my child's grades". Created 13 Jan 06:36pm. Status: Reviewed - Unscheduled. 13 comments.
- Merge Duplicate Student Records**: 2,371 votes. Description: "It would definitely be helpful if PowerSchool could come up with a merge records for duplicate students!! No matter how many times I tell the office to be careful when enrolling and check the possiblematch screen, they still create new records. From...". Created 12 Jun 12:51am. Status: Reviewed - Unscheduled.
- Email Alert for due Homework and Exam**: 1,859 votes. Description: "Would like to get an alert through email before the Homework/exam are due.". Created 13 Jan 06:33pm. Status: Reviewed - Unscheduled. 5 comments.

Annotations with red arrows point to the "Add a new idea" button, the search bar, the "VOTE" buttons, and the "Reviewed - Unscheduled" tags.

Filter by Status or PowerSchool Product

Search ideas before submitting a new one

Tags show if Product has Reviewed and/or Already Created the feature

Upvote ideas to let us know you'd like to see that feature too

Product Updates

Enabling the Design Refresh

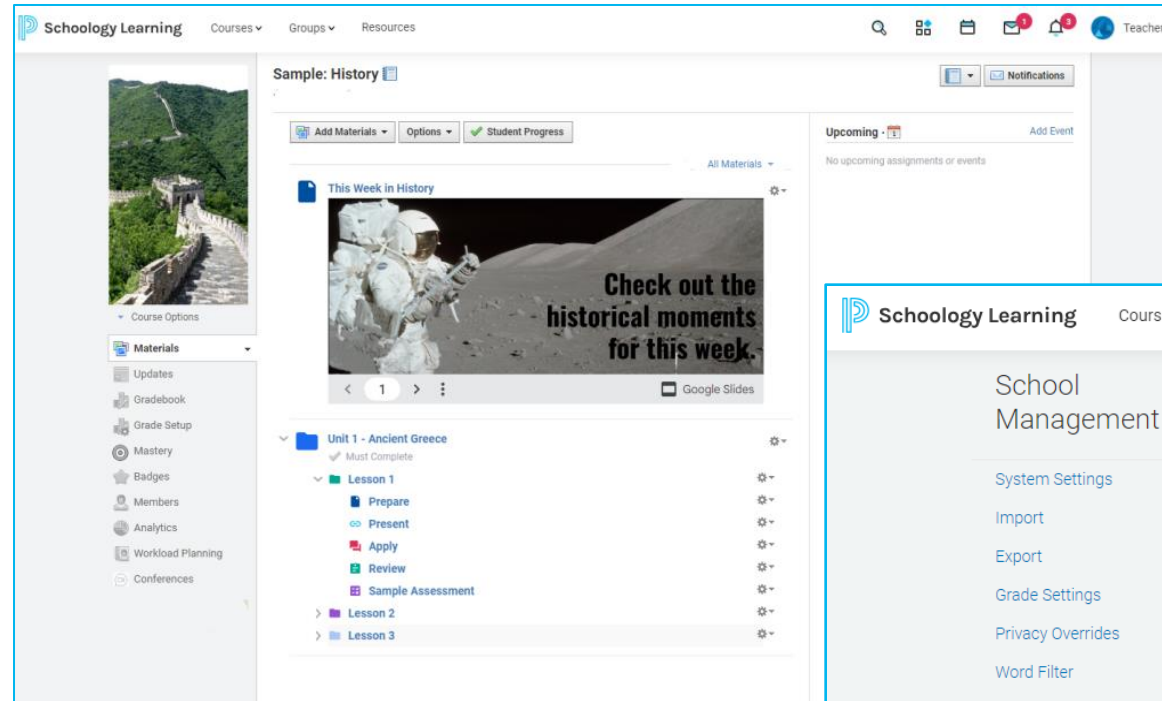


About the Refresh

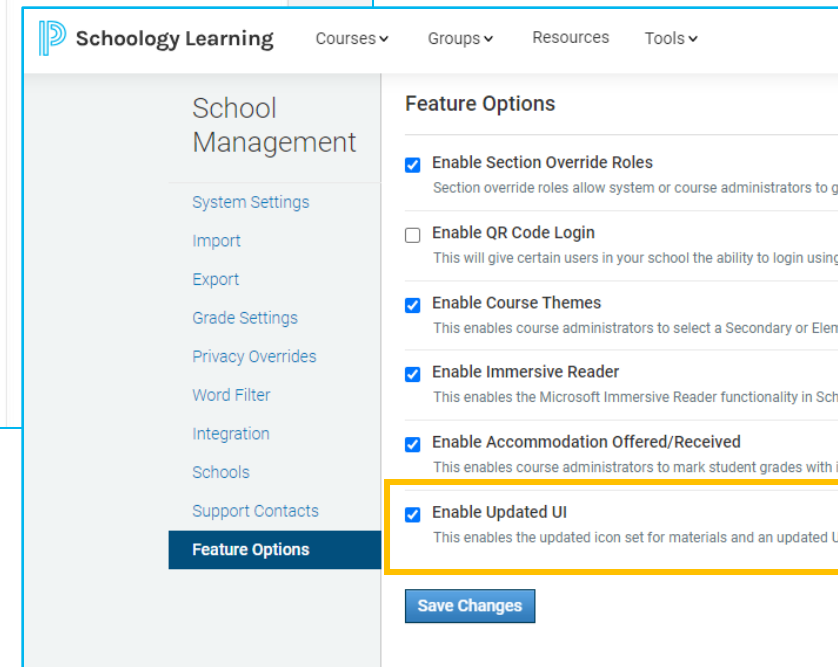
This update freshens the basic Schoology design, introducing more modern design elements (fonts, colors, icons), without changing the user experience or any workflows. All ADA compliant!

How to Enable

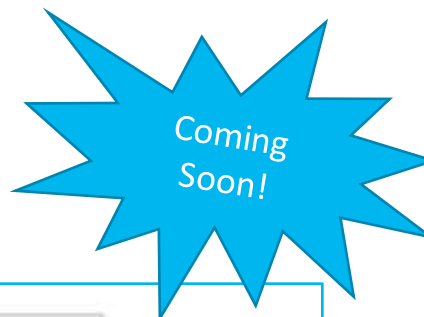
Through Feature Options under School Management



Districts may enable the Design Refresh at any time. This feature will be enabled for all users in January of 2024.



Collected Scoring Type



What is it?

This Exception code allows users to forgo traditional grading on a material.

Why we think you'll like it

Teachers can keep track of student work on assignments without impacting grading calculations as appropriate. (i.e. Conduct Forms, Field Trip Forms, etc.)

Period: Forever Set as r

This disables the ability to add a traditional score to the assignment.

Collected Type: Collected (?)

US History II ...

Code Only

Home US History II

Assignment: US History II

Status: Collected

SCORE (7/18/2023)	
STUDENTS (16)	
1. Student Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Count in Grade – Graded Material Option



What is it?

Allows the user to exclude a material's scores from grade calculations, both traditional and standards.

Why we think you'll like it

Allows teachers, parents, and students to know immediately if a material is used in grading.

Learning Objectives: Count in Grade Disabled

Options:

US History 3...
Exempt
80

Home	US History II
Assignment: US History II	
Score Type: Points (100)	
STUDENTS (16)	SCORE (7/18/2023)
Student Name	80

Campus Level Parent/Visitor Settings

What is it?

We have extended the parent/visitor settings to include building levels.

Why we think you'll like it

Now parent/visitor privacy settings can be applied at the building level for functions, such as updates and discussions, for enhanced security.

Edit Settings

Info Privacy

Organization Privacy Settings

	Everyone	Schoology Users	Organization	No One
School Profile: ?			✓	
Update: ?			✓	
Calendar: ?			✓	
Resources: ?			✓	
Discussion Board: ?			✓	
Faculty List: ?			✓	

Default Building Parent/Visitor Settings

Parents have 'view only' access to their child's buildings. Visitors are not associated with the building but may have viewing privileges if the building's privacy settings are set to Schoology Users or Everyone.

The following permissions help maintain the anonymity of your members from parents and visitors.

You will still need to apply settings to courses and groups.

- Anonymous member names ?
- Hide comments/posts ?
- Lock settings for all organization buildings ?

Default Course Parent/Visitor Settings

Parents have 'view only' access to their child's courses. Visitors are not associated with the course but may have viewing privileges if the course's privacy settings are set to Schoology Users or Everyone.

The following permissions help maintain the anonymity of your members from parents and visitors.



Course Templates: Duplicate

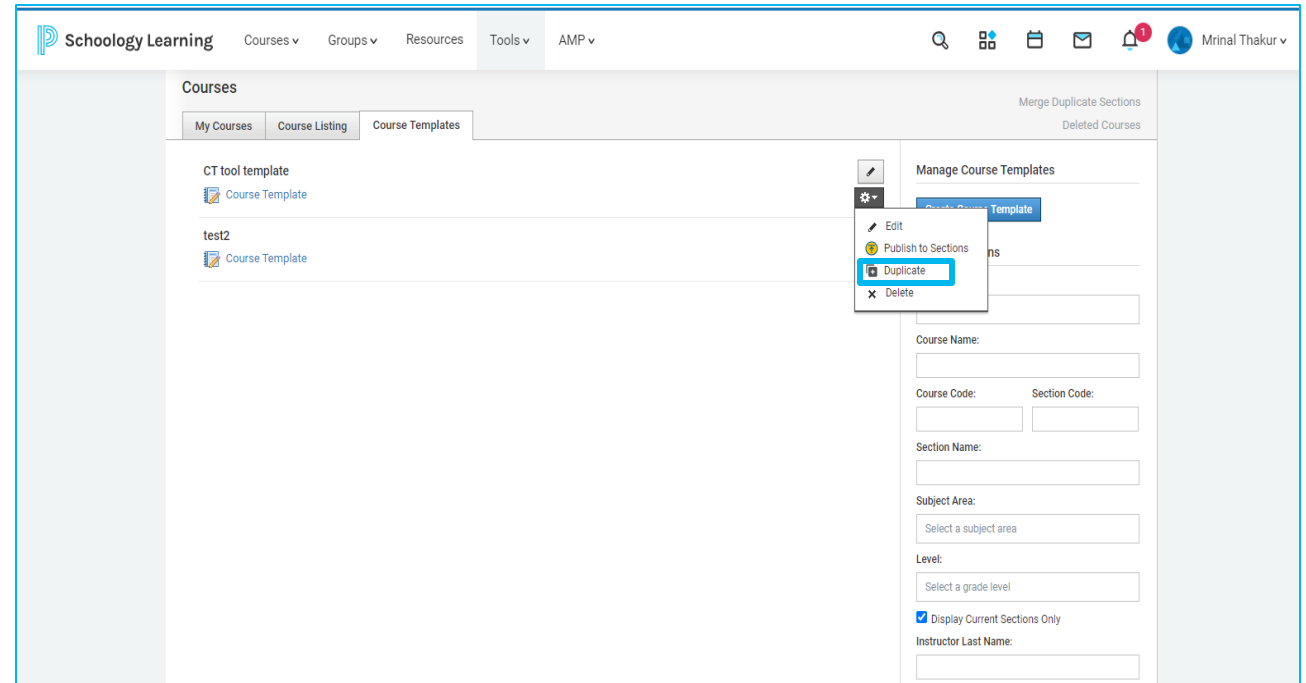


What is it?

Users who have permission to create a template would see a new option to be able to duplicate a template.

Why we think you'll like it

The ability to duplicate already created Course Templates saves time and makes it easier to build continue using the Course Templates feature.



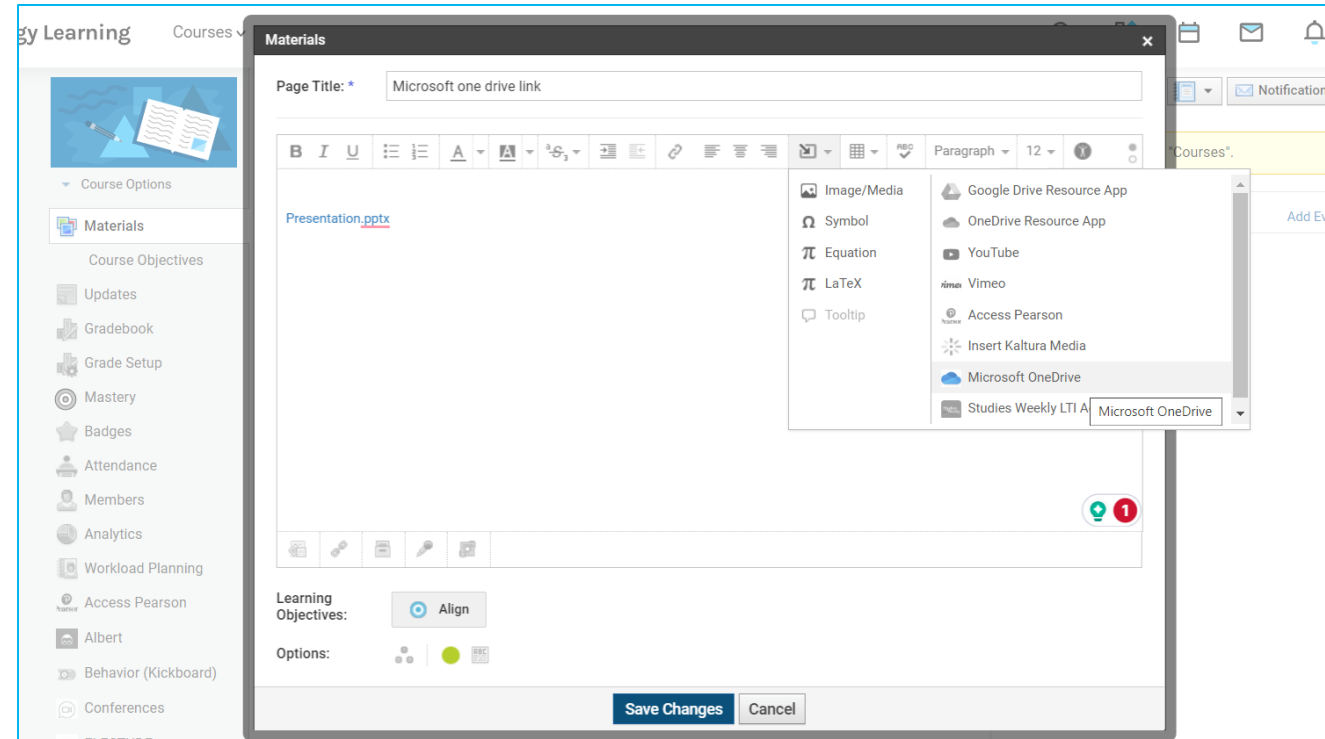
LTI Update: Support for LTI Links in Rich Text Editor

What is it?

This will better allow LTI links, such as OneDrive drive links and other LTI links created within the Rich Text Editor, to copy successfully to other Courses and Groups.

Why we think you'll like it

No more context errors when opening LTI links that were copied from within other Schoology locations.



Questions

Increasing Usage / Adoption: Best Practices & Resources

Schoology Learning



Think back to an implementation that went well. What was successful? Why?

Share with the group in the chat.

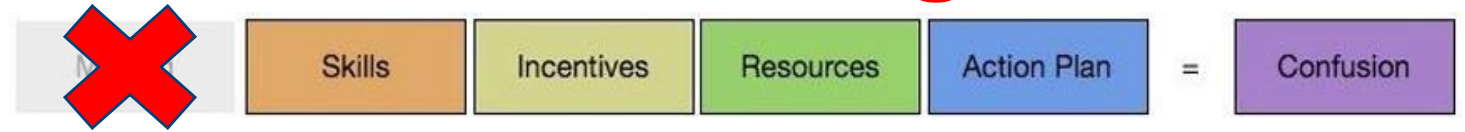
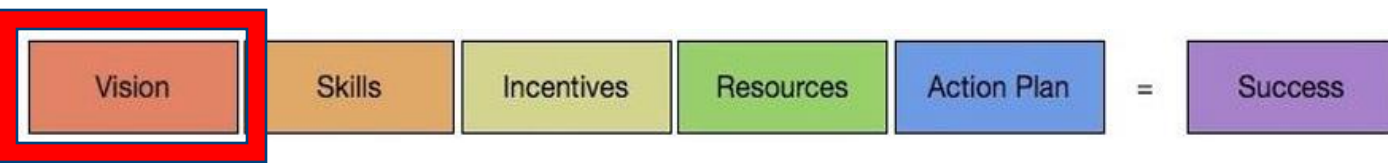


Knoster Change Model Template

District's Knoster Change Model Template



Lacking Vision

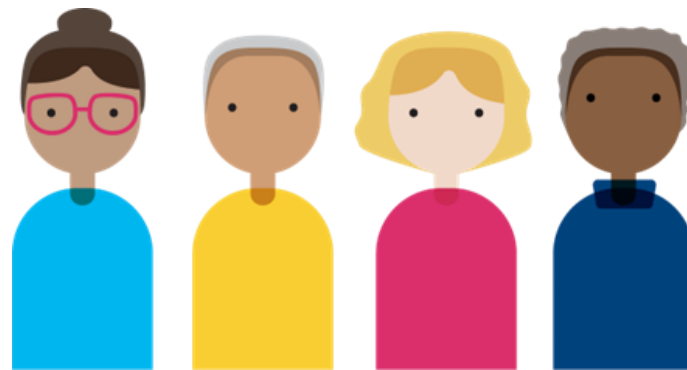


"I understand the districts long-term goals, which makes it easier for me to put effort behind this initiative."

"What is the point to all this? Of course, it's just one more *thing* to add to my already full plate!"

"I'm so thankful that this one tool can do everything from attendance to grading to differentiating assessments and more."

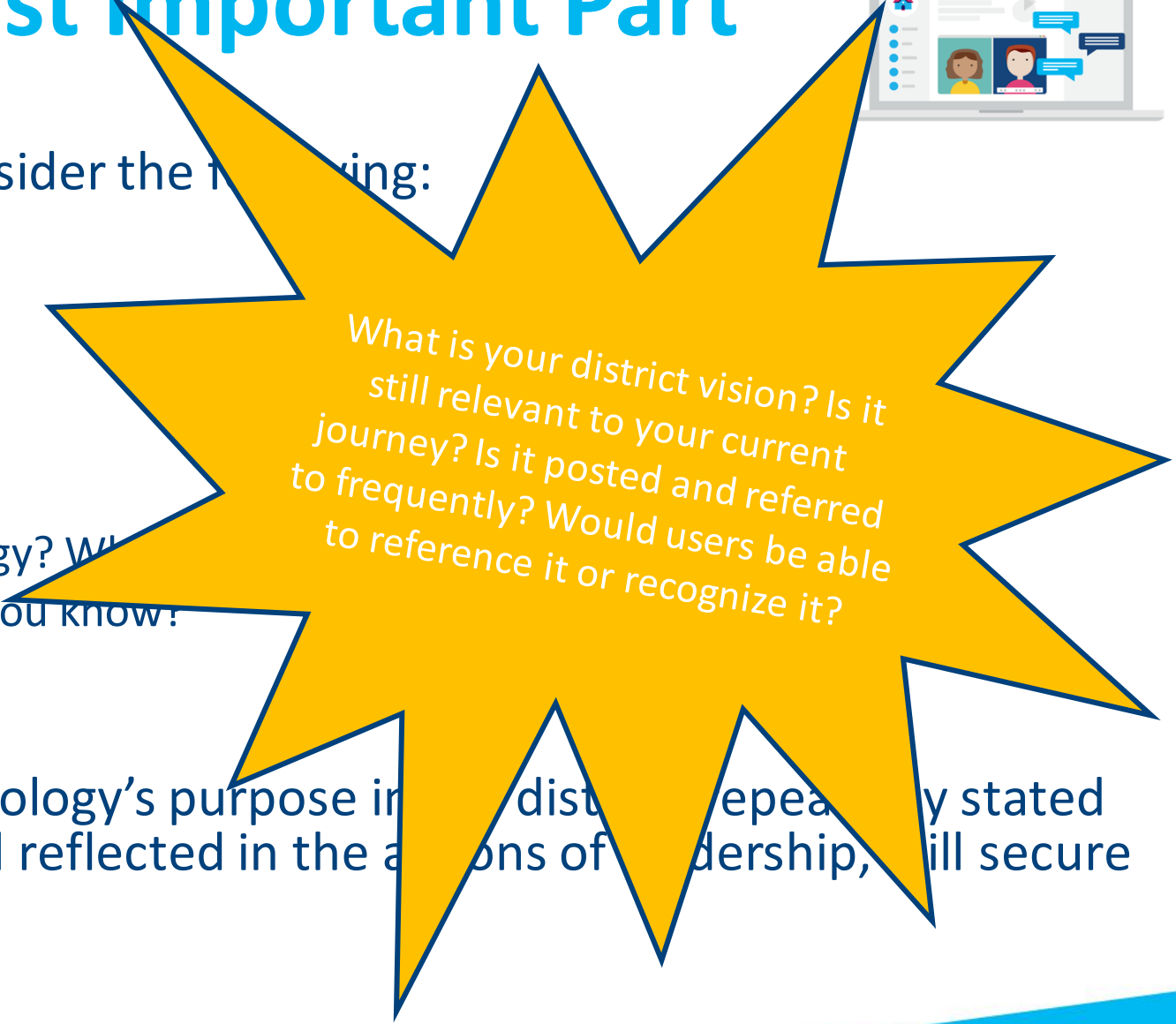
"The district will phase it out by next year anyway. No sense in trying now. I'll stick to my 'tried and true' ways."

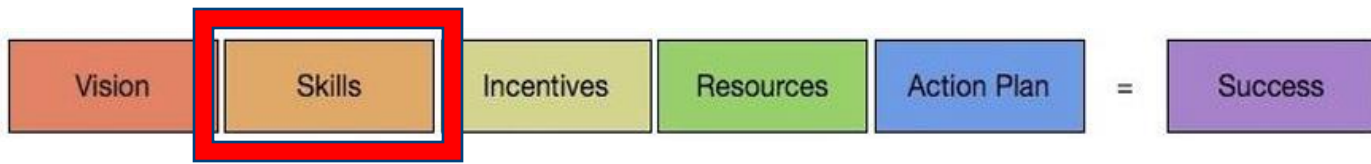


The 'Why' is the Most Important Part

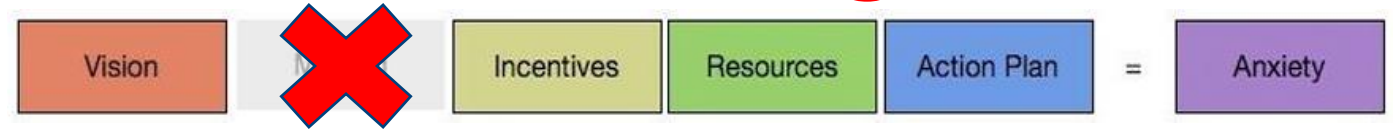


- When creating a district Vision, consider the following:
 - SMART goals:
 - Specific
 - Measurable
 - Achievable
 - Relevant
 - Time-Based
 - Why did the district purchase Schoology? Why?
 - What will success look like? How will you know?
 - Are all stakeholders represented?
- Buy-in! A clear message about Schoology's purpose in the district repeatedly stated from the initial communication, and reflected in the actions of leadership, will secure compliance.





Lacking Skills

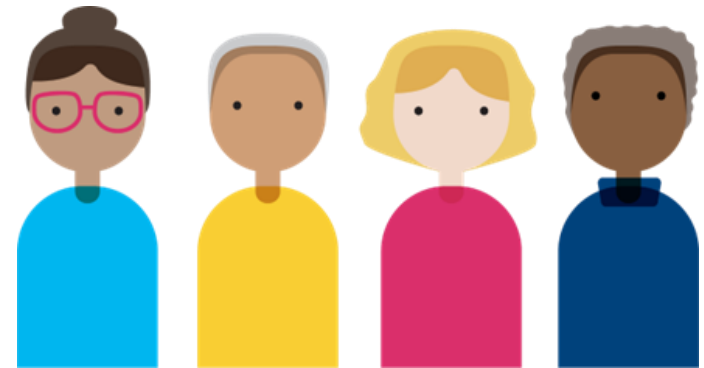


"I'm happy that I'm teaching in a way that meets my 21st century students at their level and prepares them for the future."

"I'm not computer savvy. I don't want to be a burden on my colleagues, so I'll make copies while they do everything for our PLC."

"I feel confident using the platform."

"I don't know what I'm doing! This is all just too much too fast!"



Building Skills & Guiding Learning



Introduce Schoology slowly with our [Crawl, Walk, Run](#) approach. Build confidence with basic skills and knowledge while learning the platform at your own pace.

Encourage joining [Public Groups](#), like New2SGY or Schoology Educators, to learn from fellow teachers and to ask questions when challenges arise.

Start with [a solid foundation](#) for communication and expectations of Schoology use before training even begins.

Assign a "Getting Started with Schoology" training. Whether the original course from the PD+ subscription, this [Schoology Overview webinar](#), or a great [introductory video](#), a guided hands-on introduction is the best place to start.

Check-in with users after learning the Basics. It's time to dive deeper!

Enhancements Continue

Schoology is much more than an LMS, if you take advantage of all its capabilities and use it with fidelity. Growth will continue to happen each year when it is fostered. This will take time, patience, and forward thinking.

Additions to the SGY App

Search Messages

Student Annotations Assignment

Lesson Planner of
PS Curriculum & Instruction

Immersive Reader

Refreshed UI

Additions to SIS passback

Accessibility Checker

Enhanced Privacy Settings



Additions to
District Mastery

Google Classroom Import Tool

To Do List

Course Templates

Messaging from grading areas

New SGY Apps in the App Center

Attendance Passback

Search Common Assessments



Accommodations Offered/Received field



Lacking Incentives

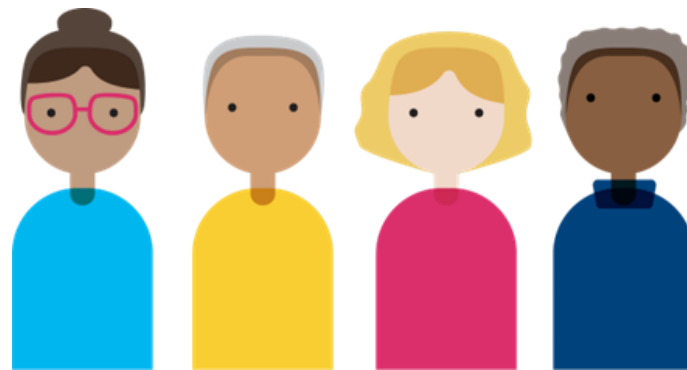


"I love that I can save time by using Grade Passback to sync grades. Plus, I can leave feedback or contact parents all in one place!"

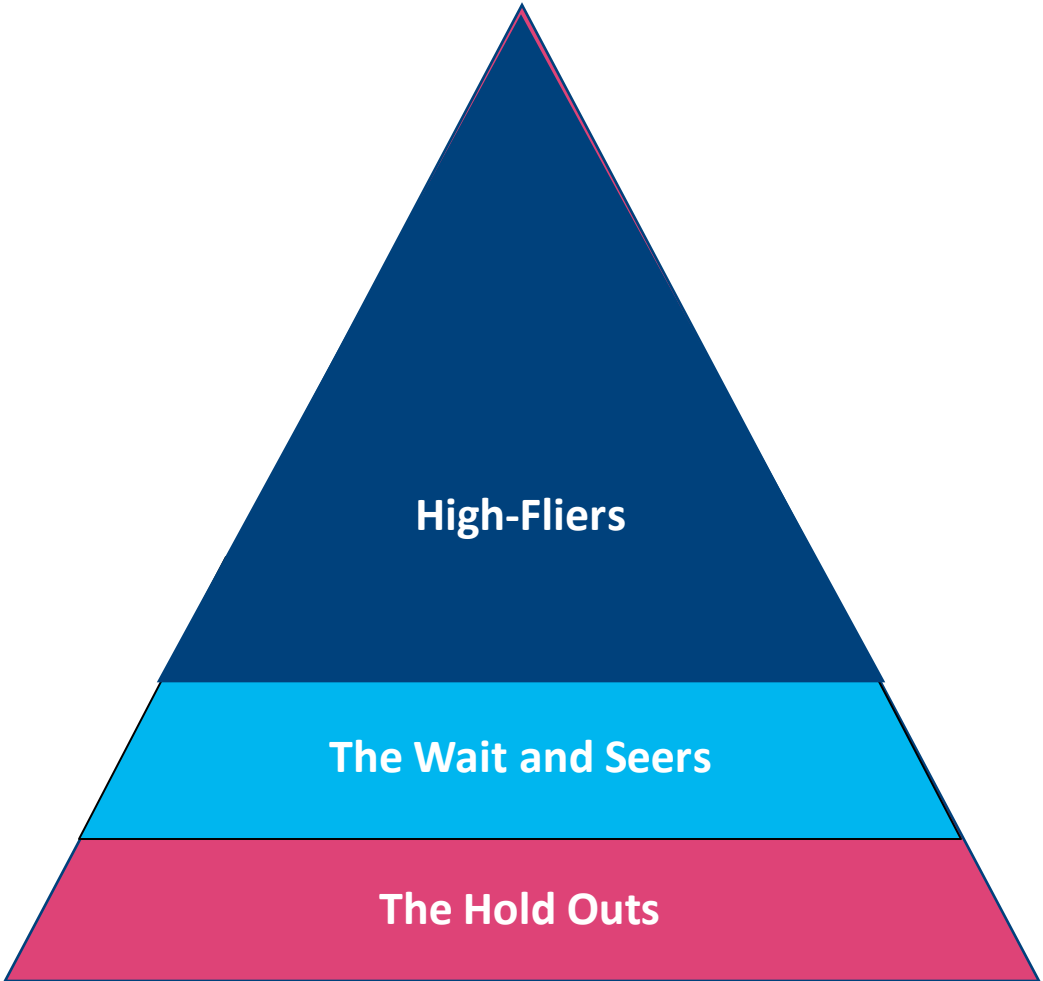
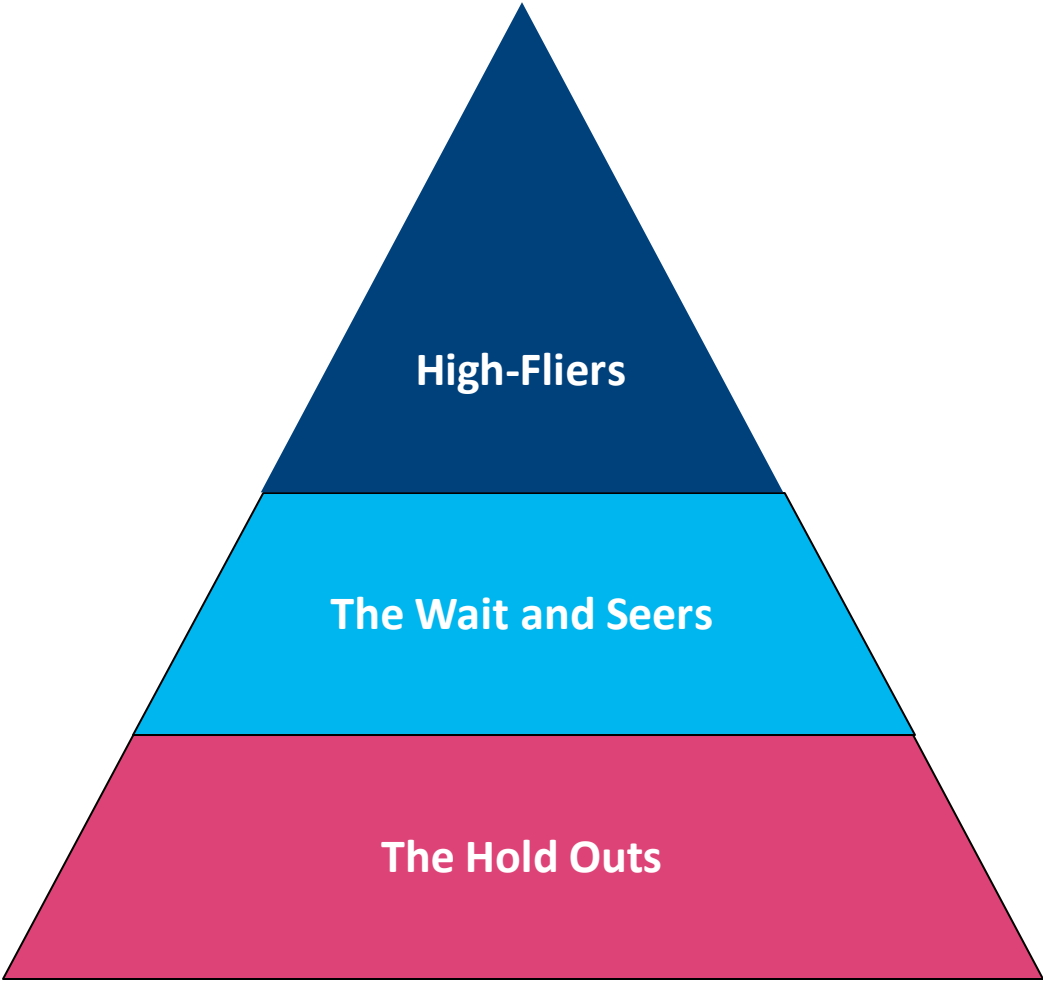
"My campus participated in a gamified PD. Our PLC competed as a team. The winning team got lunch on the principal! It was fun, plus I learned a lot."

"What's in it for me exactly?"

"Who cares about the newest flashy tool? How is it supposed to keep me from spending my weekend grading papers?"

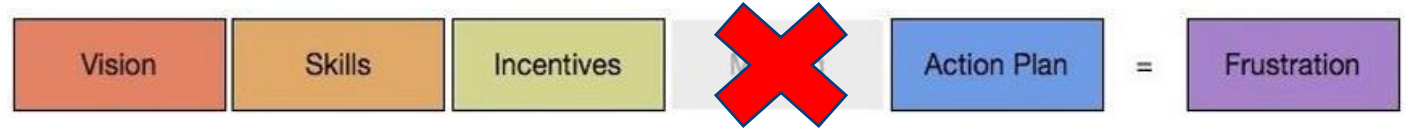


Intrinsic vs. Extrinsic Motivation





Lacking Resources

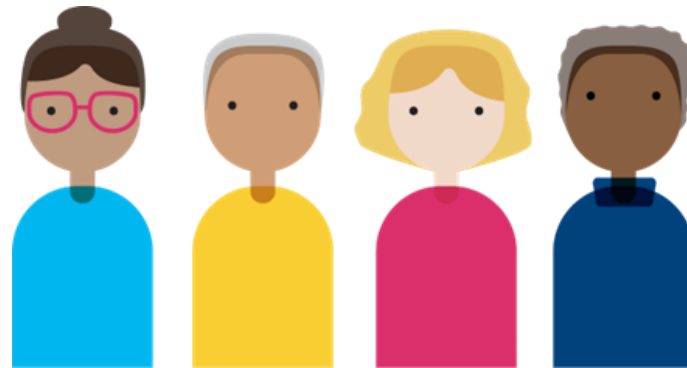


"The Schoology Help Center is a life-saver! There's detailed articles and videos to help me with everything I need in the classroom. Even articles to help students and parents!"

"Our district felt working with PS's Professional Learning team for a train-the-train model was best. Now our PD team can train the entire district from quality trainings."

"I feel like I was just thrown in the deep end! Is there anything I can reference to help me?"

"Who's in charge of this? Who do I contact for help?"



Schoology Learning Help Center

The Schoology Help Center is available for all users 24/7 at <https://uc.powerschool-docs.com/> or by clicking the 'Support' button in the Schoology footer then 'Product Help'.

Search for helpful articles (arrow pointing to search bar)

Expandable menus (arrow pointing to left sidebar menu)

See what's new and when it's coming by subscribing to Release Notes (arrow pointing to Release Notes in sidebar)

See when articles are updated (arrow pointing to Recent Topic Updates section)

Helpful articles for all users, including Parents (arrow pointing to Hot Topics section)

On this Page

- Recent Topic Updates
- Hot Topics
- Additional Help and Support

Schoology Learning Help

Recent Topic Updates

- Assessment Reporting and Item Analysis
- District Scale Creation (System Admins)
- Immersive Reader
- Schoology Learning Release Notes: March 2023
- Student Annotations (Instructors)
- Student Annotations (Students)

Hot Topics

- Parents
- Getting Started for Sys Admins
- Getting Started for Students
- Getting Started for Instructors
- Courses (Students)

Quality Professional Development is Vital

- Initial PD is important and the quality of that PD matters, too.
 - [Professional Learning Website & Catalog of Course Offerings](#)
 - [Proven Practices Customer Education](#)
 - [PD+ Training Subscription](#)
 - We encourage varying in-house PD to reach all individuals:
 - Synchronous vs. Asynchronous; Before/After School, Conference Period, Saturday Mornings
 - Traditional, Gamified, Podcasts, Webinars, Conferences, Observations
- We recommend a tiered adoption throughout the first year of use. This allows stakeholders to learn the essentials before diving deeper.
 - [Level 1](#) | [Level 2](#) | [Level 3](#)
- Training isn't exclusive for teachers and staff. Don't forget resources for students and parents, too!

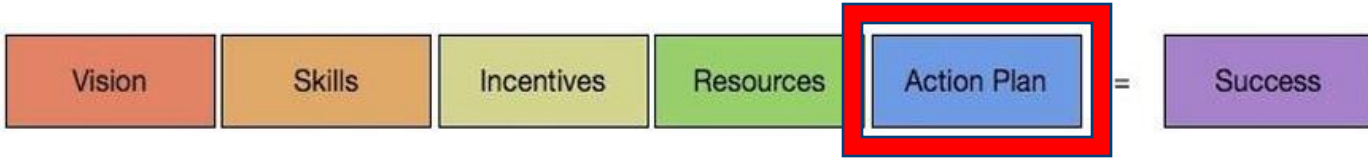
Everyone Needs Support

DISTRICT LEVEL SUPPORT

- Who provides support? What kind?
- What resources are shared? Where?
- Does the protocol/ticket system in place work?
- Who are your 3 district [Support Contacts](#) for PowerSchool?
 - These individuals submit Support Cases to PowerSchool Support via the PS Community.

PS LEVEL SUPPORT

- Your Customer Success Manager is your **main point of contact**.
 - [Who is your CSM?](#)
 - They can connect you to the right team to meet your needs, including Education Impact Consultants (EIC).
- Stay informed about new features and roadmap items by attending [Schoolology PowerUps](#) and subscribing to [Release Notes](#).



Lacking a Plan

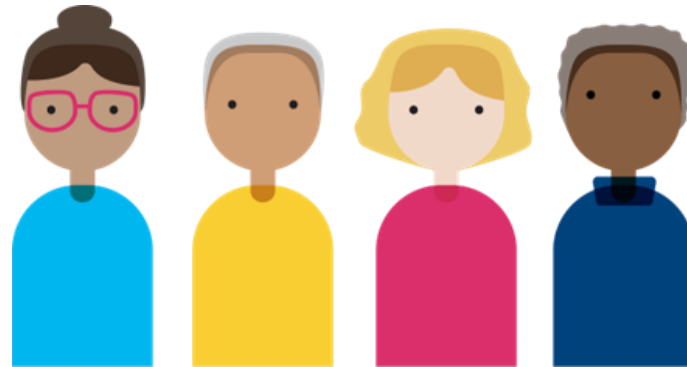


"I like that I know where I'm going in Year 2, Year 3 and beyond. This is something the district has great faith in."

"With a clear roadmap, I can see how this will help in my classroom and help the students with their learning goals."

"Okay, I've done what you asked. Now what?"

"How many times in the past have we implemented a product, and it wasn't even used the next semester?"



Making an Action Plan

Using the Vision as a foundation, create a steadfast plan for steps moving forward.

Where do you want to be in a semester?
Next school year?
Five or even 10 years from implementation?

With time and district growth, the plan may need tuning. Collect feedback, reevaluate and communicate the new plan in a timely manner.

What elements or milestones will measure 'success' in your plan?

Communicate this plan so stakeholders know expectations.

Collecting Feedback



- IT Ticket Surveys
- Digital Learning and IT Collaborative Discussions



- Mid-Year and End of Year Surveys
- Annual Teaching Goals Setting & Evaluations
- Usage Analytics



- Professional Development Surveys
- Word of Mouth



- Temperature Checks
- Include students & parents

Timely
Anonymous
Addresses Challenges
& Moves Forward



Questions

Upcoming Webinars!



Thoughtful Uses of
Assessment: Item Building
for Student Learning
(for Schoology Learning &
Performance Matters)
October 19 @ 3pm ET

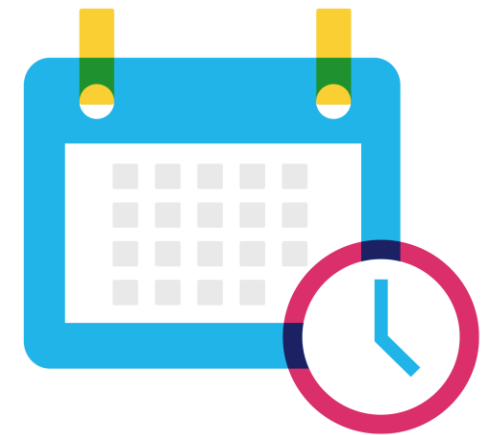


Join Us Again!

Sign up for a date and time that works best for YOU!

November 14th @ 4pm ET

November 16th @ 1pm ET



Thank you for your Partnership!

