Reflecting on the purposes behind our education systems

An introduction to

TEACHING AS COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP



Look carefully at these three drawings. For now, do not think about what the pictures represent, just think about what you see? What is happening in each picture? What differences are there among the pictures?







Having studied the pictures, in what ways do you think they serve as metaphors for education systems around around the world? What do various elements of the pictures represent in those metaphors?

Read the commentary that's been added around the pictures. What about that commentary resonates for you? What would you challenge and change?

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Which of these paradigms did you experience as a student? Which of these paradigms are you working in now? Which of these paradigms do you aspire to help create for all children? Why?

What assumptions might we internalize if we live and work in an education systems represented by the the first or second picture? How do we see the role of students, teachers, families, schools?

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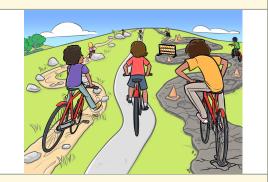
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How would those assumptions need to change to realize an education system aligned to the ideas in the third picture?

What differences would you expect to see between a classroom aligned to the second paradigm and a classroom aligned to the third?

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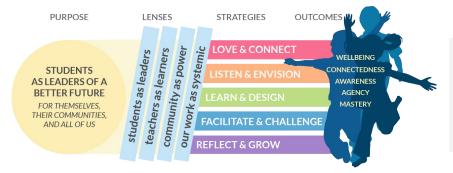
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Teaching As Collective Leadership is an attempt to "crowdsource" the question "What would it take to teach and learn in ways that grows students as leaders of a better future?"

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The whole model in 5 min, overview

TACL is an actionable and locally customizable framework for teachers, teacher coaches and program designers to grow students as leaders of a better future

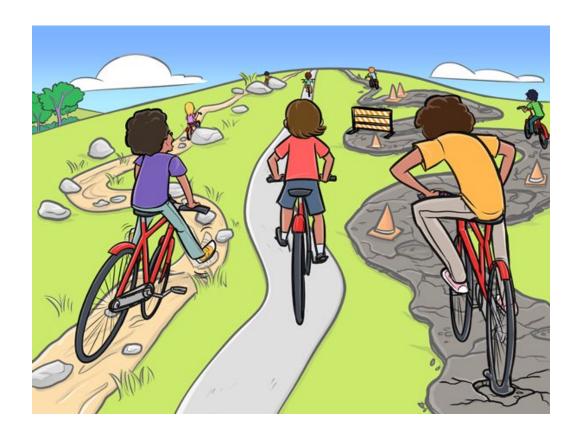


TACL is not a prescriptive rubric, but is collection of global patterns in transformational classrooms that may inspire locally contextualized tools and resources



To explore TACL's purpose, sources, insights & implications watch this 5-min video

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