Designing to the Edges



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accelerating engagement



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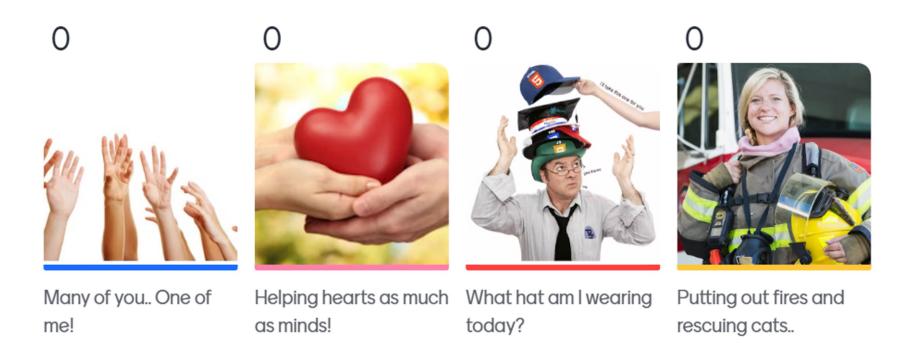
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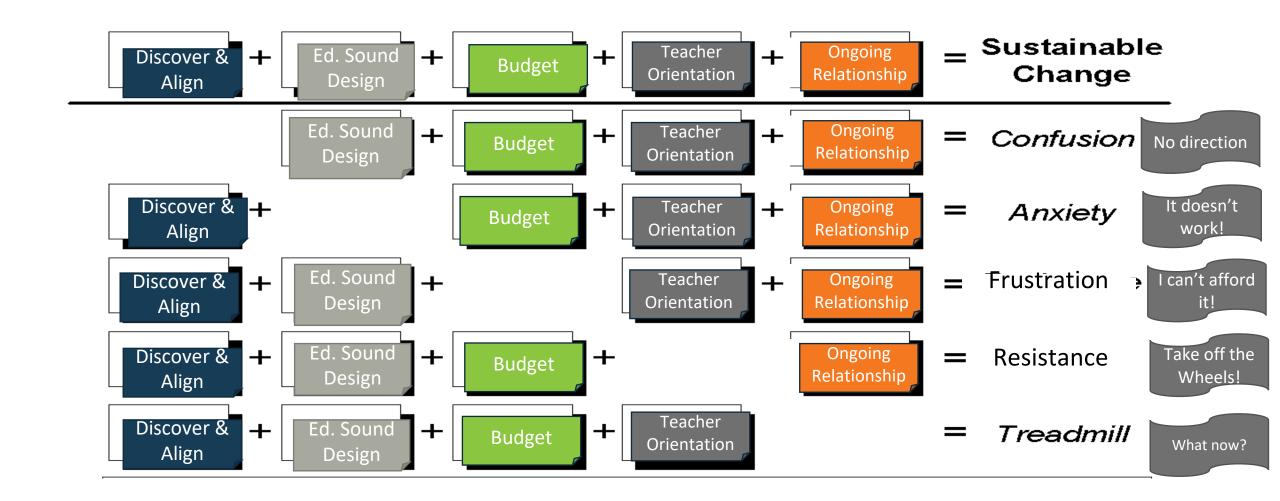
What is your role?

0 0 0 0 Facility Planner Designer Architect Teacher Administrator



My tagline for this past year would be...





Choluteca Bridge in Honduras





Scale of teacher shortage glo wa crisis in schools revealed The

Exclusive Nearly 40% of teaching assistants cover classes, research finds

Education correspondent

Hundreds of thousands of pupils in England and Wales are being educated "on the cheap" by low-paid teaching assistants (TAs) covering

lessons for teachers who are off sick or have quit, according to new

crisis, compounded by inadequate the country are struggling to put a alified teacher at the front of every

TAs, who earn as little as £14,000,

The survey of almost 6,000 TAs found almost 40% are covering

five hours per week - roughly the equivalent of one schoolday a week or half a term's cover over a school year while 15% said they were expected

being told to lead classes

from nursery to year six, y

Children with special educational needs (SEN) are among the worst affected by the crisis, according to research by the public service union

The Fiscal Cliff & Education

WHAT'S AT STAKE?



CLASS SIZE MATTERS

system look like by 2030

Educator Ajit K Chashan explores the future of learning, highlighting the need for innovative education for Gen Alpha

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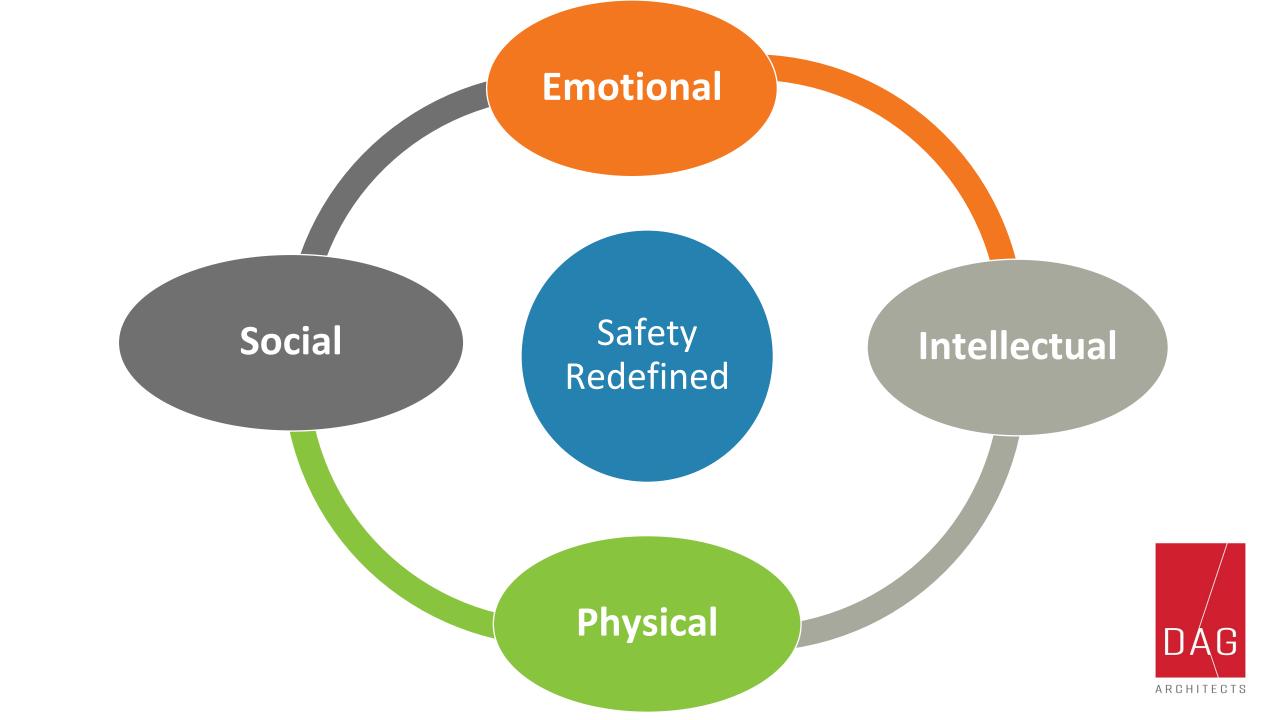
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How do we build safe learning communities in schools?



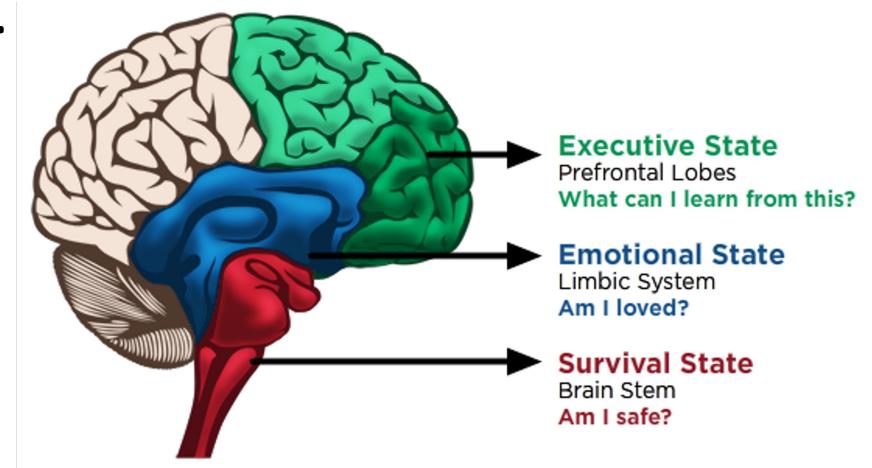






When the amygdala is triggered, we are in "survival brain". It inhibits deep learning that helps increase retention &

reflection.





TRAUMA RESPONSES

FLIGHT

Workaholic

Over-thinker

Anxiety, panic, OCD

Difficulty sitting still

Perfectionist

FREEZE

Difficulty making

decisions

Stuck

Dissociation

Isolating

Numb

FIGHT

Anger outburst

Controlling

"The bully"

Narcissistic

Explosive behaviour

FAWN

People pleaser

Lack of identity

No boundaries

Overwhelmed

Codependent

What is your response?

Language Comprehension in survival mode:

You understand word you.

You hard , and regulate
Sometimes outbursts tiniest sometimes
escape and your emotionally
become .

It's you're parent, stupid

TRAUMA RESPONSES = BEHAVIORS

Externalizers: negative coping behaviors pointed at others

- "Defiance"
- Emotional dysregulation: fight/flight
- Disobeying rules
- Addictions
- Abuse
- Continued cycle
- Emotional immaturity
- "Discipline problems"

Internalizers: negative coping behaviors pointed at one's self

"Compliance"

Emotional dysregulation:

freeze/fawn/dissociate

Codependency

People pleasing

Type A

Continued cycle

Emotional immaturity

"Future school shooters"

"At-risk of suicide"

What community do we want to build? ProSocial or Antisocial



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What community do we want to build?

- Antisocial
- Any act which intends to harm or negatively impact another individual
- Threats, bullying, discrimination, deceit, lack of remorse and other hostile conduct
- Stimulates threat processing & stress response in amygdala
- Lessens secure & cooperative relationships
- May promote anxiety

- Prosocial
- Any act that benefits another individual
- Sharing, donating, being friendly, expressing concern, and other helpful conduct
- Enhances the immune system; promotes release of oxytocin, and facilitates frontal critical processes
- Can enhance general well-being as it downregulates threat processing
- May promote mutually supportive and secure social interactions

Mission & Vision

Are we aligned?

Priority
Learning
Outcomes

 Who are we designing for? What will they need?

Align Build Communicate

Learning Experiences

 What should happen in the classroom?

Environment Implications

 What are nonnegotiables in the learning environment?



Now we must think about the designs to ensure that they align intentionally..

Collaboration is key...

What stakeholders are a constant throughout the process?



Form follows function and feeling...

Does this space make me feel like I'm valued (equity)?

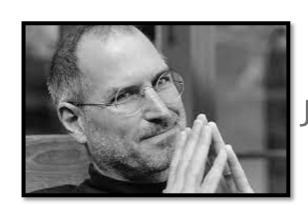


Different ways of learning



Research found students who incorporated movement into their learning strategy remembered 76% of the material, while those who simply used their brain to memorize recalled only 37%.

"Design is not just what it looks like... It is how it works."



Can we design buildings that embrace ProSocial™ Learning Environment Components and ...

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Things to Consider: Storage options Work surface areas Teacher storage room and breakout room Mobility (casters or light enough to move) Flexibility Multi-use (flip and nest)



The Role of Community Spaces in Building Connections

With your group, list dysregulated spaces you'd find in a school.

What elements could they have that allows more self-regulation?



























































Things to Consider:

- * Furniture options (Cafeteria tables)
- *Use of building (learning stairs, media center, stage, tennis courts on top of building)
- *Outdoor spaces (authentic learning experience)
- * Branding



"You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems."

James Clear



Do you have a system in place?

School Rankings

The following chart ranks average scores per school and functional

⁸ School	Overall Rating	Admin. Rating	Cafeteria Rating	Instructional Rating	Media Center Rating
Bijou Community	1.4	1.3	0.8	1.4	1.2
Environmental Magnet	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
House Elementary	0.9	1.0	1.5	0.8	1.1
Valley Elementary	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.4
South Middle	1.0	0.9	0.5	1.0	1.3
South High	1.2	1.6	1.9	1.1	1.4

Priority Scale

Low Priority – > 2.0

Moderate Priority - between 1.5 to 1.9

High Priority – between 1.1 – 1.4

Urgent Priority – 1.0 and below



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