



SUPPORTING OUR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITIES DURING COVID-19 A CONVERSATION CAFÉ WITH COUNSELORS

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WELCOME AND TODAY'S AGENDA

- Welcome and who is in the room?
 - Counselors of High School Redesign Schools from 5 states – OH, NM, NY, MS, and LA
- What is a Conversation Café?
- Breakout Conversations
 - Sharing questions, insights, and engaging in dialog.
- Synthesis, Closing & Next Steps



How can we access the mutual intelligence and wisdom we need and have, to create innovative paths forward for our high schools and the communities they serve?





Conversation CAFE



Agreements and Steps



The CSHSC website features a section on Conversation Cafes with a seven-video series.

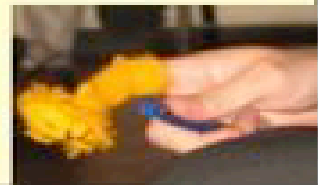
Agreements

- Suspend judgment as best you can
- Respect one another
- Seek to understand rather than persuade
- Invite and honor diverse opinions
- Speak what has personal heart and meaning
- Go for honesty & depth without going on & on & on

Steps

1. Use talking-object in rounds 1, 2 & 4
2. 1st and 2nd rounds speaking without interruption. Option to pass. People without the talking object are invited *to listen*.
3. 3rd round of lively conversation
4. 4th round to share “take-aways”
5. Gather insights as the whole group re-assembles

Peruvian folk-art
finger puppet serving
as talking object





Round 1

- What need or needs might this conversation fulfill?





Round 2

- Would you share a question or insight that might be explored during Round 3?





Round 3 – Lively Conversation





Round 4 – Identify any Take Aways





SHARING, SYNTHESIS AND NEXT STEPS

- Take Aways From Breakout Rooms

- Synthesis, Closing & Next Steps