



SEEDS OF WISDOM

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On Mentoring

Mentorship is really critical in order to be a successful educator at any level. Peer mentors are essential – especially for people who bring diversity and difference to the community. School leaders can mentor to a certain degree but there are moments where you want to ask a peer THAT QUESTION that will help you navigate the culture and gain cultural capital.

On Independent School Culture

Independent schools surprise a lot of teachers who have preconceived notions about the culture. One aspect that makes independent schools so compelling is the regard that people have for each other, as educators, as professionals, and as people. There is great comfort in knowing the person next to you or across the hall is working collaboratively with you for the benefit of the kids. My advice to folks who are considering an independent school – pay close attention to the culture.

On Starting as a New Teacher

New teachers need to embrace the fresh perspectives they bring to the conversation. What can you offer as a new teacher to shift the culture? You have the capacity to move the needle – sometimes incrementally and other times in big ways, even in year one.