

Power of You 2018 Strands

(excerpt quotes from [Everything I Know I Learned in Kindergarten](#) by Robert Fulghum)

Collaborative Culture – *“Hold hands and stick together.”*

Just like students need opportunities to learn and reflect with their peers, adults in schools must work together to provide the best learning environments possible. Sessions in this strand will highlight the importance of creating a positive, collaborative culture in which educators work effectively with their colleagues and their students.

Data and Accountability – *“Share everything.”*

The amount of incoming data in schools can be overwhelming and more data does not necessarily lead to better outcomes for students. Attend these sessions to consider the impact of data as you’ve never considered it before. Sessions in this strand will support the use of data to make informed decisions for students.

Unique Student Needs – *“Play fair.”*

Students arrive at our schools each day with varying backgrounds and experiences that can shape their attitudes and beliefs. Some come from situations where trauma must be overcome every single day, while others come from supportive households. The sessions in this strand acknowledge these unique student needs and aim to differentiate appropriately.

Academic Achievement – *“Learn and think every day.”*

Student learning is the core mission of our work as educators. Providing every child with challenging learning opportunities that push their skills and knowledge can be difficult. Sessions in this strand will provide access to cutting edge teaching practices that deepen student learning and support our mission as educators.

Leveraging Leadership – *“Live a balanced life.”*

Leading a classroom, a school, or a district today takes courage. Successful leaders know when to push and when to pull. They create a balanced climate that supports that tug of war in a positive manner. Sessions in this strand will provide attendees with the opportunity to learn from experts who are leading effectively.

Technology Integration – *“Be aware of wonder.”*

Teaching and learning has gone high tech. Integrating apps, software, and hardware into the school, the classroom, and the home seems almost unmanageable. Sessions in this strand will provide you with access to experts in the field who are utilizing technology to reshape education.