

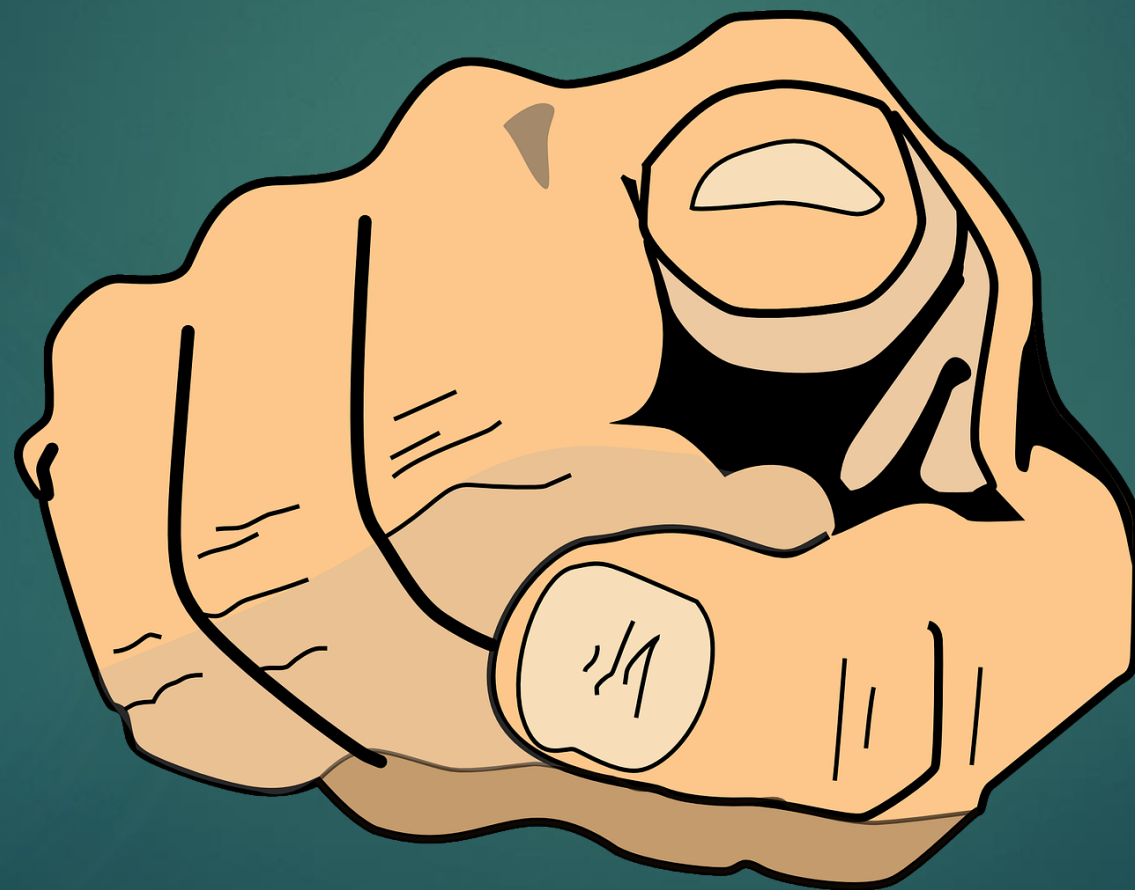
HOT TOPICS in Elementary Education: Becoming Our Own Advocates

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Who is responsible for teaching our English Language Learners?



ELs are the responsibility
of all educators.

Focus...

- ▶ How do we advocate for our ELLs and Ourselves?
- ▶ Opportunity to network with fellow ESL educators
- ▶ Breakout into small groups
- ▶ Identify and investigate issues/topics pertaining to your classroom with your group.
- ▶ Record shared topics/issues on chart paper
- ▶ Share/discuss chart paper as whole group
- ▶ Discuss and record on chart paper practical solutions as a whole group.



Topics/Issues from the HOTLIST

Elementary grades 1-5

- ▶ Speaking scores/ testing issues-discrepancies
- ▶ Creating Schedules
- ▶ Testing- NJLAS/PARCC/ new screener/Access/accommodations
- ▶ Multiple criteria/ exiting students/ evaluating students/ referring students
- ▶ Resources / program funds/ title funds
- ▶ Collaboration with classroom teacher/ sharing scores
- ▶ Pulled for testing PARCC/NJSLA/ cancelling program
- ▶ Strategies/resources
- ▶ WIDA frameworks for ELD standards/FERPA/ESSA

Topics/Issues continued

- ▶ Screening languages
- ▶ Teacher prep program
- ▶ Consortium meetings- recruiting/attending
- ▶ New home language surveys
- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Immigration (BRYCS)
- ▶ Curriculum/ aligning / model-examples instruction
- ▶ Teacher Evaluation
- ▶ Placement of students
- ▶ Language codes

Turnkey information

- ▶ Google doc : strategies and new contacts will be shared via email you have provided.
- ▶ Use this information to share with your colleagues.

Changing Mindsets

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from:

- My ELLs can't speak English.
- My ELLs aren't able to read on grade level.
- I don't know how to help my ELLs.
- My ELLs seem off task, angry or unhappy.

to:



What language can my ELLs speak?




How can I accommodate this text? What resources are available?



Who can I reach out to for support? Where can I learn more?



How can I make the classroom environment inviting and safe?



"A pluralistic, cosmopolitan society is a society which not only accepts difference, but actively seeks to understand it and to learn from it. In this perspective, diversity is not a burden to be endured, but an opportunity to be welcomed."

Aga Kahn, Lecture at Harvard University (2015)

