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*An MSAA Professional Development Workshop for: K-12 Teachers and Administrators*

## Stepping Back from the Conversation: Scaffolds and Structures to Build Student-Led Discussion



Featuring **TEACHERS21** Presenter:  
**Jenny Miller**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2019**  
at the MSAA Office, Franklin

**Sign-In:** 8:00am-8:30am  
**Workshop:** 8:30am-3:00pm

**PD Hours:** 6  
**Content Area:** Curriculum and Instruction

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True student-led discussions provide opportunities for students to process learning with and from each other; they build independence, foster confidence, and give us invaluable information about what and how our students think. However, removing ourselves from the conversation requires practice, structures, and planning. Research shows us that student-to-student discourse dramatically increases engagement, pushes thinking, and teaches invaluable academic and social skills.

### In this session, participants will:

- Unpack the CCSS Speaking and Listening standards as they apply across the curriculum.
- Explore a variety of student-centered discussion structures: from "spider-web" and "pinwheel" protocols to the more familiar Socratic seminars and formal debate.
- Learn teaching moves that can facilitate students' ownership of learning through discussion.

### Participants will leave with:

- A toolkit of strategies to build student-led discussions
- Structures and protocols for student-led discussions across the curriculum
- Scaffolds to engage ALL students in active discussion
- Tools for developing rich questions that ignite rich discussion

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