An MSAA Professional Development workshop for: Teachers and Administrators,
Grades 6–12

Don't Give Up!
Strategies to Build Perseverance and Tenacity in Adolescent Learners

Featuring TEACHERS21 Presenter:
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Sign-In/Registration: 8:00am–8:30am
Workshop: 8:30am–3:00pm
PD Hours: 6
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Sometimes, even the best-laid plans fall flat: a dynamic, hands-on lesson is met with heads on the table, a provocative question met with deafening silence. We see students motivated by a project until it gets too hard; so many great starts that sputter out. How is it that a student can spend hours playing a video game, fully engaged, accepting and moving beyond failure as the challenges increase, yet transfer none of these skills to the classroom?

In this workshop, we will dig deeply into the relationship between engagement, motivation and perseverance, and examine the internal and external forces that can hold kids back. We will practice research-based strategies that will engage students in a way that lasts, building confidence and tapping into their reserves of perseverance.

Jennifer Miller, in addition to working as a consultant for TEACHERS21, is the Induction Coordinator for new teachers at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. Throughout her career, Jenny has served as a school and district administrator, instructional coach, turnaround coach, and teacher. She has worked extensively as a consultant, focusing on shifts in the Common Core State Standards, collaborative data inquiry, professional learning communities, differentiation, inclusion, MTSS, student engagement, and literacy across the curriculum.

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