I can't ... We can't ... They can't ... wait did we ever try?

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WHY DO WE EDUCATE?
Session Focus

“Can’t never could until it tried,” but in 21st Century schools we use the word can’t and no all the time.

This session will focus on our mindset as educators.
Who are you?

How do you act?

What sets you apart?
What does a negative person look like?

- chip on one's shoulder
- cynicism
- defeatism
- dim view
- discouragement
- expectation of the worst
- gloomy outlook
- hopelessness
- lack of confidence
- low spirits
- negative thinking
- negativism
- pessimism
What does a positive person look like?

- bright outlook
- bullishness
- cheerfulness
- enthusiasm
- great expectations
- hopefulness
- optimism
- rosy outlook
- silver lining
Why do we say we want to see change in schools but in all actuality we are just using idle words?
What if we change one thing?

• Could we connect with a student
• Could we change the focus of your team
• Could we change the culture in our school
• Could we ...
What is our mindset?

Two Mindsets

Fixed Mind-set
Intelligence is static

- Leads to a desire to look smart and therefore a tendency to...
  - avoid challenges

Growth Mind-set
Intelligence can be developed

- Leads to a desire to learn and therefore a tendency to...
  - embrace challenges

CHALLENGES
- ...avoid challenges
- ...embrace challenges

OBSTACLES
- ...give up easily
- ...persist in the face of setbacks

EFFORT
- ...see effort as fruitless or worse
- ...see effort as the path to mastery

CRITICISM
- ...ignore useful negative feedback
- ...learn from criticism

SUCCESS OF OTHERS
- ...feel threatened by the success of others
- ...find lessons and inspiration in the success of others

As a result, they may plateau early and achieve less than their full potential.

As a result, they reach even higher


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WHAT WILL YOU DO?
QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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