



Dear Academy Members,

Congratulations on making it to June! As this school year comes to a close, we are proud of all of our members for making it through an extraordinary year. This summer break, we encourage you to practice what you teach and take a pause to focus on your social and emotional well-being. However you chose to rest and rejuvenate, we hope that you enjoy.

Lynne Azarchi on Building Empathy

The Executive Director of Kidsbridge's Tolerance Center, Lynne Azarchi, provides insights into how to help students develop empathy and reduce bias in this [article](#) from Princeton Perspectives.

Lynne Azarchi also has a new book, "[The Empathy Advantage](#)", on how to coach children to be "kind, respectful and successful."



June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month

In honor of Pride, we are sharing resources to celebrate and support LGBTQ+ students, educators and families.

1. The [Trevor Project](#) provides resources for LGBTQ+ youth. They also provide “crisis intervention and suicide prevention services” including a crisis call and text line.
2. The [It Gets Better Project](#) shares emotional and heart-warming stories and videos to “uplift, empower and connect” LGBTQ+ youth. To help educators incorporate these videos into the classroom, It Gets Better also provides [EduGuides](#) with lesson plans, discussion questions and presentations to accompany the videos.
3. Israel Tovar writes about how educators can support their LGBTQ+ colleagues of color in this [article](#).
4. Lastly, Jermei Majeski's [article](#) shares ideas on how to create more welcoming and inclusive schools for LGBTQ+ families.

Legislative Update



SEL4US provides their [May update](#) on state level SEL legislation. Check out the [April update](#), too, in case you missed it.



Upcoming Events

Each day next week, join PureEdge's Gill McLean for a 30 minute midday reset. In this series, you will learn strategies to hone your focus and concentration to beat the afternoon slump.

Topic: 5-Day Midday Reset

Date and Time: Monday, June 7th through Friday, June 11th,
1:00 PM EST/ 10:00 AM PST

Registration Link: <https://pureedgeinc.org/?p=8540>



This is our **last call** for the 2021-2022 school year planning survey for **Academy Certificate Holders!** If you are an Academy Certificate Holder and have not yet completed the survey, we invite you to take the [survey](#).

To all of the Certificate Holders who have completed the survey, a giant **THANK YOU** for your feedback!

Virtual Professional Learning Community.

Our Virtual Professional Learning Community (VPLC) is always looking for new topics or areas of interest. If you could send us an issue, topic, or question for which you would most like consultation/support we would greatly appreciate it!

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