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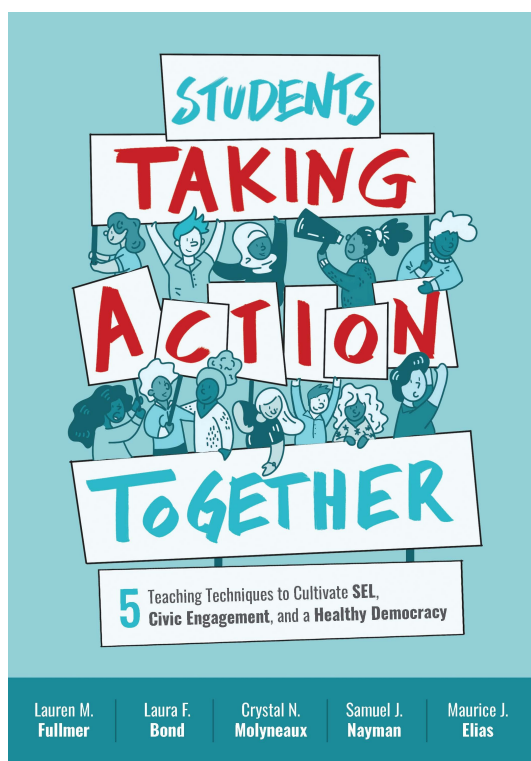


April showers bring May flowers - and nourish the seeds we are planting every day in our classrooms and schools! As the season changes and we see COVID-19 restrictions continue to subside, it is vital that we ensure our students are well-equipped to take on the new challenges that may arise. However, it is important to remember that although the unfortunate side effects of COVID-19 seem to be fading in the distance, hate and discrimination toward non-white communities seem to be ever-present, especially, now, for the Asian community. The practice of empathy in our classrooms, schools, and other youth programs continues to point the way toward providing our students with the skills they need to be engaged global citizens, as well as actively involved in their schools.

We appreciate all the work you have done and continue to do - and remember,
sometimes you just plant a seed. As always, take good care.

- The STAT Team

Watch Out for the Newest STAT Book!



**Students Taking Action
Together: 5 Teaching
Techniques to Cultivate SEL,
Civic Engagement, and a
Healthy Democracy**

A new book containing teaching strategies of the STAT (Students Taking Action Together) curriculum is now available for pre-order from ASCD!

[Pre-order here »](#)

Lesson Plans



Teaching Students How to Have Meaningful Conversations

This crucial life skill improves with classroom practice - and many students may benefit from a refresher.

[Learn more here »](#)

Creating Daily Opportunities To Build Equitable, Safe And Supportive Schools Through Creative Expression

The term safe and supportive schools has been sprinkled across our headlines and news feeds, but is it another buzzword or here to stay? The term is much more than reactive legislation and strategies in response to school tragedies. The idea of wanting equity, safety, and support in schools is not new, nor should it be anything less than a priority across classrooms, schools, and districts.

[Access the toolkit here »](#)



6 Activities That Inspire A Goal-Setting Mindset In Students

From daily sticky notes to multi-week hopes and dreams conferences, here are six activities to help foster a goal-setting (and goal-achieving) mentality in students.

[Access the activities here »](#)

In the World of SEL



A Powerful Lesson About Hurtful Words

This interactive lesson incorporates narrative storytelling and art to help students understand how damaging words can be.

[Learn more here »](#)



3 Ways to Boost Student Well-Being and Lower Stress

How a sixth-grade teacher promotes student wellness by emphasizing self-reflection, kindness, and safe space.

[Read more here »](#)

YES-NO-MAYBE

Quotes for the Classroom

"War can be justified if a country feels it is being threatened by a neighboring country."

"There should not be a higher standard of behavior for individuals running for office in national government than for state or local government."

YES-NO-MAYBE

Quotes for Thought

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

– W.B. Yeats

"I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better."

– Maya Angelou

"Education must not simply teach work - it must teach Life."

– W.E.B. Du Bois

Related Resources



Become Certified in SEL!

The Certificate for School Leadership in Social-Emotional Learning and Character Development is offered by Saint Elizabeth University in partnership with Rutgers University.

Participants who complete this three-course online program will earn a certificate from Saint Elizabeth University, and will benefit from a valuable set of knowledge and experiences gained from the highly interactive coursework and practicum.

[Register for the certification program here »](#)



Want to learn more about STAT?

Students Taking Action Together (STAT) provides a set of instructional strategies so middle and high school social studies/civics teachers can integrate social-emotional learning skills (SEL) and civil discourse into existing curriculum content.

[Learn more about the ins and outs of STAT here »](#)

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