# Increasing Student Learning Through Building Employee Engagement

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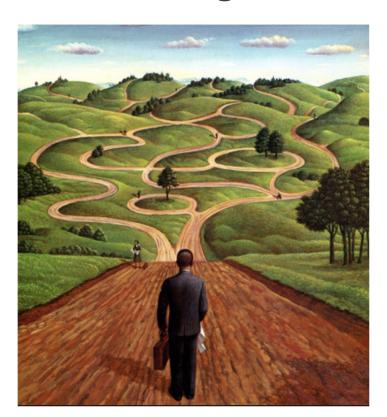
# Think of a person who fits your definition of "all in."



### Why did this conversation start in Logan?

2018 - we wanted to refine our efforts to address employee morale

- Questions about what we should have as our targets for employee satisfaction
- Questions about how we would measure our progress
- Questions about the tools we could use to generate improvement
- Questions about how to create a common language and understanding surrounding employee morale



### Engaged vs. Satisfied Employees

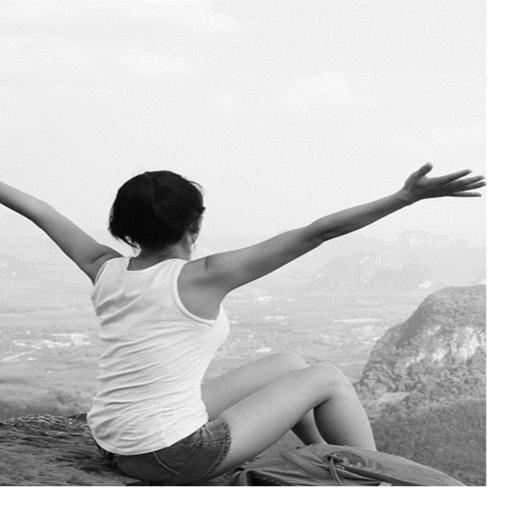
#### **Engaged** Employees

- Work with passion
- Perform at consistently high levels
- Drive innovation and move their organization forward

#### Satisfied Employees

- May or may not be productive
- Put their time but not necessarily their energy into their work
- Take a wait-and-see attitude toward their job





# We Act Differently When We Are Engaged

- We are 100% psychologically committed to the job
- We know the scope of our jobs and look for new and better ways to achieve outcomes
- We are more productive
- We work more efficiently
- We are safer
- We are healthier

# So if we have a shared understanding of what *engagement* means...

How do we *measure* and *monitor* engagement?

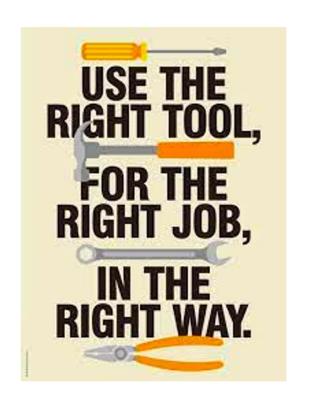
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# Measuring and Monitoring Engagement

Pick a tool that addresses our organization's interests:

- Gallup Q12
- Qualtrics Employee XM
- TrustEdge
- In-house surveys
  - Address key priorities of the district (basic needs)
  - Include questions that can be used consistently over time



### **Engagement Hierarchy**



- Q12. This last year, I have had opportunities at work to learn and grow.
- Q11. In the last six months, someone at work has talked to me about my progress.
- Q10. I have a best friend at work.
- Q09. My associates or fellow employees are committed to doing quality work.
- Q08. The mission or purpose of my company makes me feel my job is important.
- Q07. At work, my opinions seem to count.



- Q06. There is someone at work who encourages my development.
- Q05. My supervisor, or someone at work, seems to care about me as a person.
- Q04. In the last seven days, I have received recognition or praise for doing good work.
- Q03. At work, I have the opportunity to do what I do best every day.



**Basic Needs** 

- Q02. I have the materials and equipment I need to do my work right.
- Q01. I know what is expected of me at work.



# How do we respond to what we measure to build engagement?

Do an initial review of the data you collect:

- Focus on the high scores first
- Remember the scores are a snapshot in time
- Consider where you think your team might experience the biggest gains in engagement
- Remember that because survey questions will be interpreted differently by employees, plan a Team Debriefing.



Engagement Mean	Trended Mean	Mean Pe Overall	ercentile Rank	- Gallup	Respondents	Engagement Index
4.70	hange From Last Mean: *   *   *   4.70	91			18	Engagement Index is unavailable for the currently selected scorecard.
	Responden	ts Current Mean	Last Mean	Change	Mean Percentile Gallup Overall	e Rank - Company Overall Current Mean
Q00: On a five-point scale, where 5 means e satisfied and 1 means extremely dissatisfied satisfied are you with your company as a pla work?	how 18	4.72	*	*	88	4.17
Q01: I know what is expected of me at work	. 18	4.83	*	*	83	4.56
Q02: I have the materials and equipment I n my work right.	eed to do 18	4.39	*	*	61	4.30
Q03: At work, I have the opportunity to do w best every day.	hat I do 18	4.67	*	*	83	4.28
<b>Q04:</b> In the last seven days, I have received recognition or praise for doing good work.	17	4.47	*	*	82	3.62
<b>Q05:</b> My manager, or someone at work, see care about me as a person.	ms to 18	4.83	*	*	85	4.28
<b>Q06:</b> There is someone at work who encour development.	ages my 18	4.83	*	*	93	4.16
Q07: At work, my opinions seem to count.	18	4.61	*	*	86	3.82
<b>Q08:</b> The mission or purpose of my compan me feel my job is important.	y makes 18	4.94	*	*	94	4.28
<b>Q09:</b> My coworkers are committed to doing work.	quality 18	4.89	*	*	94	4.50
Q10: I have a best friend at work.	18	4.33	*	*	80	3.72
Q11: In the last six months, someone at wor talked to me about my progress.	k has 18	4.67	*	*	81	3.91
Q12: This last year, I have had opportunities to learn and grow.	at work 18	4.94	*	*	93	4.37

### Team Debriefing

- 1. Create context for the conversation.
  - a. How will addressing these items help us accomplish our work as a school/district?
- 1. Analyze survey results.
- 1. Select the engagement item to focus on and actions to take.
- 1. Set a plan for follow up.

State of the	Team: "	Start,	Stop,	Continue"	ate

What things are going well? (2 minute partner discussion, 3 minutes group share)	

What Q12 engagement item do we want to focus on for growth, and what it would look like when perfectly executed? (3 minute partner discussion, 5 minute group share)

Builders (3 min) What positively affects our level of engagement on this item?	Breakers (3 min) What negatively affects our level of engagement on this item?

3 minutes to think about the next step (reflect, freewrite, notes, etc) then 3 minutes to partner discuss, then 8 minutes to share with the group

Start 3 min	Stop 3 min	Continue 3 min

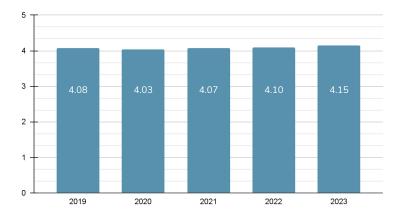
#### Follow Up (January, March, May)

Progress we have made:	What we still need to accomplish:	What we can celebrate:
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	Actively Engaged	Not Engaged	Actively Disengaged
Teachers Nationally	13%	63%	24%
Teachers in the LCSD	31%	56%	13%

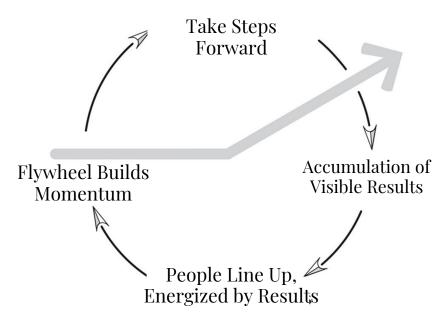
#### Q12 Growth Over Time



## **Engagement Outcomes**

### Improvements in...

- Collaboration between teachers and administrators
- The performance of our Professional Learning Communities
- Willingness to innovate as individuals, teams, and as a schoolwide staff
- Celebrations of the accomplishments of individual employees
- Understanding what our staff needs for teacher retention



The Flywheel Effect



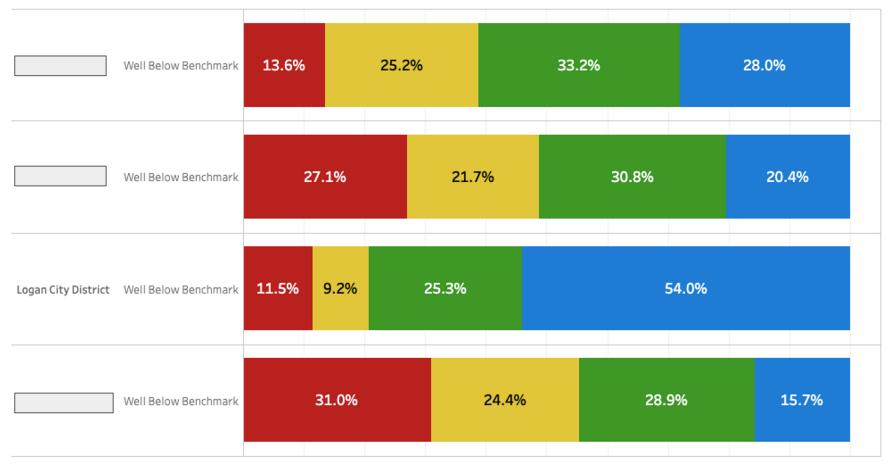
### High School

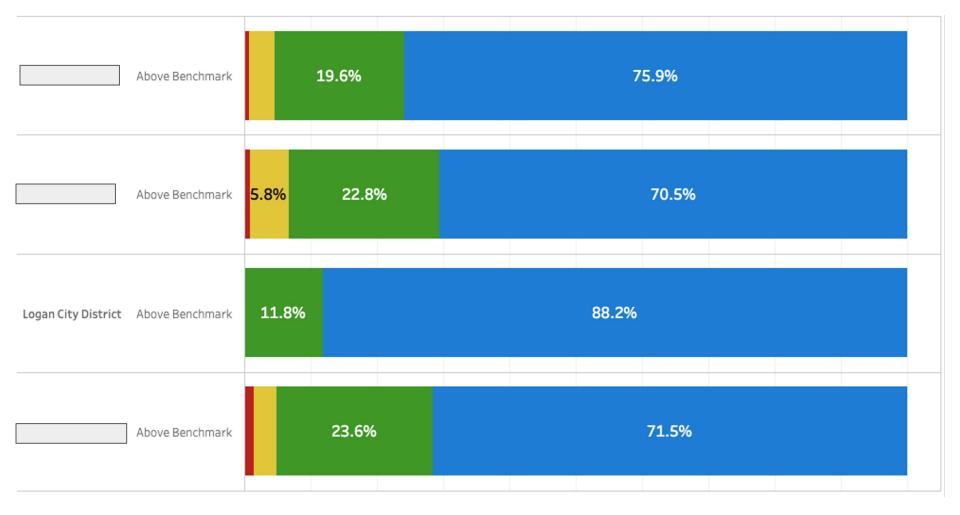
- Increased staff involvement in identifying structures to systematically address student needs
  - Increased graduation rate (92%)
  - Increased participation in rigorous coursework (AP, CE, BTech)

### Elementary

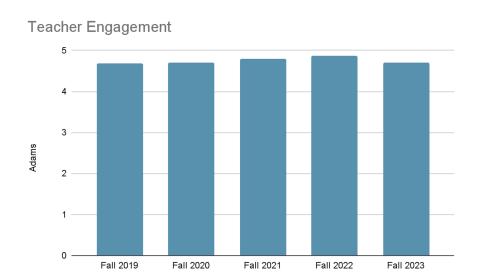
- LETRS participation
- Early Literacy Routines

### LEA Reading Benchmark Group Comparison









Consistent improvement in Acadience reading data over time

#1 in comparable schools for student achievement and growth in 2021 and 2022 (USBE Data Gateway)

2022 National Blue Ribbon School

"We are given a task and everyone is willing to take it and run. If we fail, at least we tried together."



# Thank You!

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