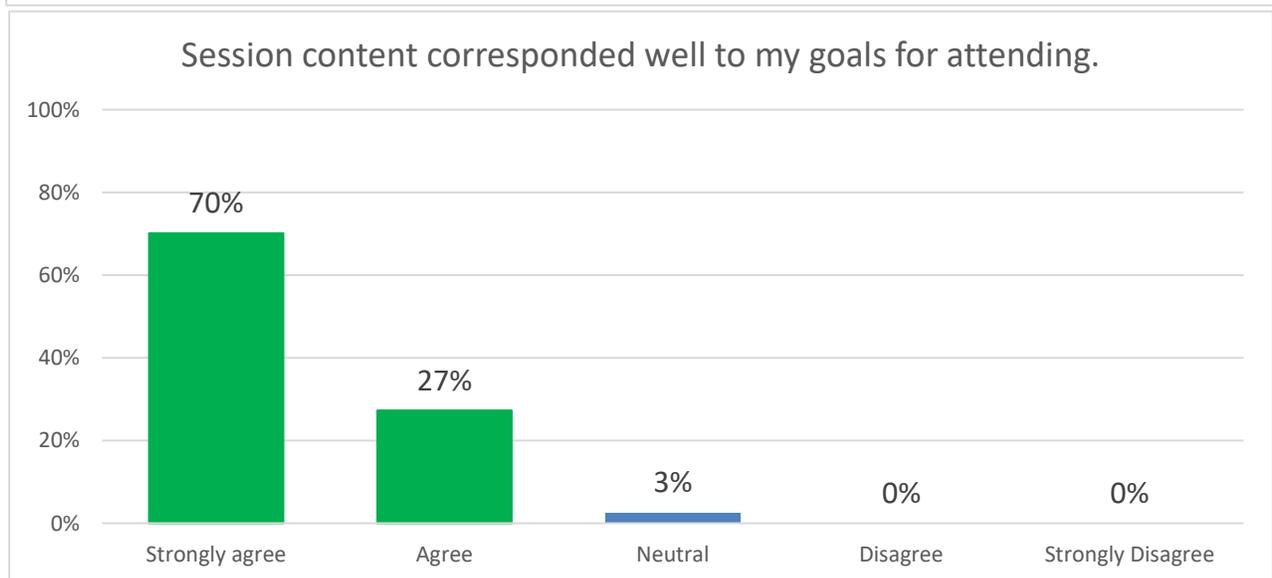
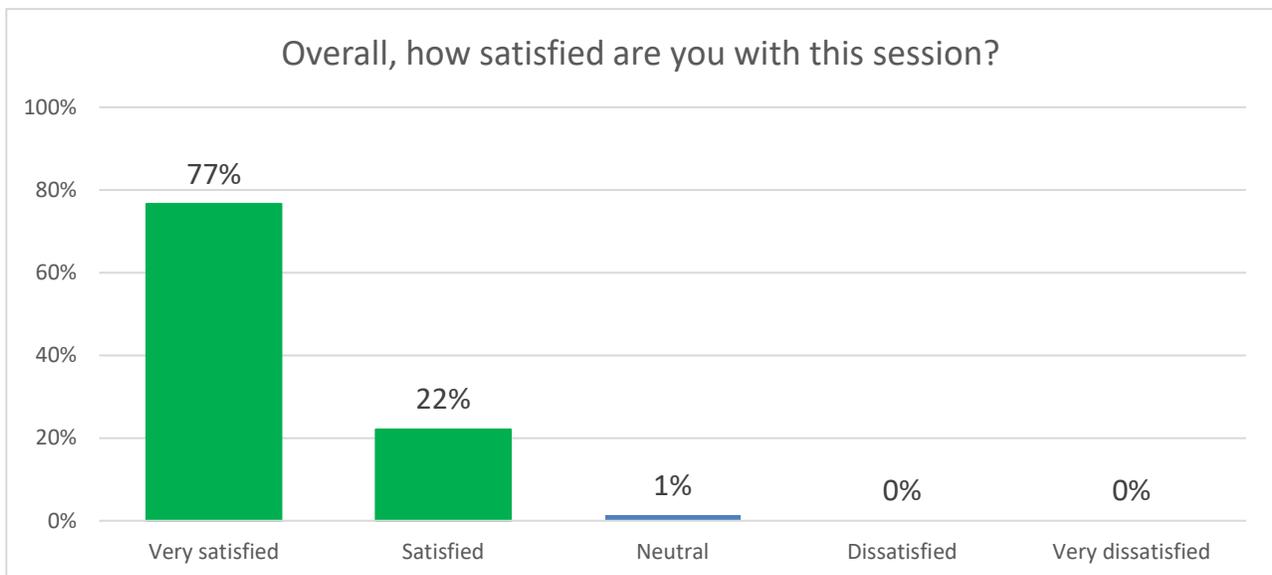




Meeting the “Heart Needs” of our Students

Dr. Akil Ross



Comments

"Inside each student is the desire to be something great." This speaker motivates one to dig deeper into building relationships with students. Because I teach at a Fine Arts Academy, it gives a better opportunity to discover students' artistic passions along with physical and/or educational passion. When students realize they have a passion for something, they can better engage in school. I am very interested in reading his book and learning how to better educate the whole child! Thank you for this motivational speaker!

Absolutely loved Dr. Akil Ross! Loved his message of empathy and the importance of learning from our students.

Thanks again Indiana!

Amazing speaker! Loved his stories and ideals!

AMAZING!!!! I would work for this Dr. Ross in a heart beat. I love the way he talked about getting the heart of his students. There were so many things to pull from this conversation. I went online and bought his book. Whoever sought him out to speak did a great job. I am absolutely inspired. GREAT SESSION!!!!

Awesome ...

Dr. Akil Ross is a fantastic speaker. I thoroughly enjoyed his session. Some of his takeaways;

***The greatest thing you can do for anybody is SERVE them, and to serve them, you must KNOW them, and to know them, you have to CONNECT with them, and THAT takes EMPATHY!"

Dr. Ross your inspiration for educators truly comes from the heart! I believe like you do that connecting to our students in various ways is the important key to success in education! Thank you for sharing your ways of inspiration, connectivity, and heart that feeds the passion in all of us!

During this session my biggest take away was creating that vision statement for your classroom and sometimes even by class to help those students feel connected and see what the students wants and needs are from their perspective.

Excellent points! Loved this presentation

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Excellent! What a compassionate person to lead our youth. I can see why he was named Principal of the year. I think empathy is very important in our society today and kids have so much facing them.

Very inspiring, thank you!

Fantastic. I loved hearing Dr. Akil's journey in life and education and his emphasis on the power of building relationships with students and having empathy to know their hearts and their passions. It's going to be so critical to truly hear our students and what they need as we reopen schools. Thank you!

Great message!

Great session!

Great speaker with great information.

He could have had a longer session! Good stuff!

He was inspiring and I really appreciate the teacher encouraging him to "do it again". That is a great message teachers can share with their students.

Helped me reflect more on how to take my learners into deeper consideration on what they bring into the classroom with them, and how to put relationships in a bigger role

I always love these inspirational stories.

I have ordered his book. Could have listened to him longer, very inspirational, we need this right now! So many truths to his wisdom! "In the heart of every student is the desire to be something great, to be self-fulfilled!"

I loved his comments on learning about the students and who they are.

I really enjoyed this session. It was educational, inspirational, engaging and made me want to try harder to connect with my students. As Dr. Ross stated, In the heart of every student is the desire to be something great, to be self-fulfilled and true education is about connecting to the person. When We don't connect, we don't educate. Dr. Ross drove home his points through his various examples of empathy. This session left me yearning for more.

Loved his message. "1000 passions, 1 heart beat" 

Powerful story and powerful message!!! Loved We're One Heartbeat!

Thank you very much for sharing your insight on connections with students. This was very powerful.

This session was a good reminder that us as educators need truly get to know our students.

THIS tugged at my "heart strings!"
I would love to meet Dr. Ross in person.
What an inspiration.

To educate, you have to connect with students!

Valuable perspective as we head back into a school year with a lot of anxious kids!

very informative

Very inspirational. Thank you!

Very inspiring story!

Very motivational and real presentation. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to the presenter! Thank you!

VERY POWERFUL session! "True education is about connecting to the person, and if we don't connect, we don't educate." LOVE IT!!

Very powerful!

Very strong and powerful story and great testament to how educators can influence students.

Very thoughtful presentation.

WOW !!! What a session of learning. Dr. Akil vision and perspective is what education is all about. His passion for his students , connecting with others, and encouraging positive messages to students ", 1 heart Beat, Who are you ?

I will be purchasing his book, using his resources and applying what I learned today to continue to connect with my students

Wow! Dr. Akil Ross has so many fantastic ways to reach students and relate to them. I could listen to him all day. I took a lot of notes to help spark some ideas on connecting with the students at my school and helping them feel connected with each other.

Wow! What a great speaker. Would love to hear more from Dr. Ross.

WOW! "We're all in the action research business right now." Great presentation! This has definitely motivated me to continue to instill more SEL into HPE.

Wow! What a great guest! I loved so many things Dr. Akil had to say & I 100% understand why Gary wanted to have him as a guest speaker!

WOW!!! Very inspiring story!!! I can't wait to use the heart beat clap to start/end each class. Thanks for sharing your story and inspiring others. Congrats on being awarded the Principal of the year.

Wow. I think this might be the most influential and inspirational thing I have heard all summer! Not just emphasizing the importance of SEL but the importance of humanity, this was well worth the 30 minutes! Very impressive insight and connection making tips.