Teacher Clarity
Monitoring Implementation
Part 3
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Today’s Learning Intention

**Learning Intention:** I can implement the monitoring components of Teacher Clarity

**Why?** It will help my teachers become more effective and increase student learning
Today’s Success Criteria

Success Criteria:
I can…

• articulate the six phases for creating a structured plan and progression of implementing teacher clarity
• introduce leadership and staff to the concept of teacher clarity
• create a tiered professional learning plan for teachers to implement teacher clarity
• create a monitoring plan to effectively gauge the progress of teacher clarity implementation at your school
Six Phases of Implementation

• Phase I: Leadership Team Research and Data Review
• Phase II: Implementing Learning Intentions and Success Criteria
• Phase III: Make the Learning Visible
• Phase IV: Co-Constructing Success Criteria
• Phase V: Opportunities to Respond/Formative Assessment
• Phase VI: Effective Feedback
### Teacher Clarity: Phase I

#### Phase I: Leadership Team Research and Data Review
**Timeframe: 2-4 Weeks**

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| - Conduct Needs Assessment and Root Cause Analysis  
  - The CNA and Root Cause Analysis must justify the need to implement Teacher Clarity as an intervention  
  - Review Teacher Clarity research and resources  
  - Review **Feasibility Checklist** to determine implementation implications  
  - Review **Levels of implementation Rubric**  
  - Discuss readiness and need to implement Teacher Clarity | - Book: Clarity for Learning (Almarode & Vandas, 2020)  
  - PowerPoint presentations  
  - Implementation action plan example  
  - Levels of Implementation Rubric  
  - Feasibility checklist | - Review agenda and minutes  
  - Review research reports  
  - Review feasibility checklist |
| **II. Gather Baseline Data:**  
Leadership team or designated group observes classroom practices over multiple days.  
- Pull 2 to 3 students from each classroom and ask the 3 questions.  
  - *What am I learning today?*  
  - *Why am I learning it?*  
  - *How will I know when I have learned it?*  
  - Write student’s responses on reflection cards.  
  - Collect data for leadership team review. | - Baseline data form or electronic format  
  - Baseline Observation Data  
  - Student Interview Data  
  - Teacher Feedback Data | - Ensure the set number of observations and student interviews are conducted by each team member. |
| **III. Leadership Team**                  |                                                                                   |                                                      |
| - Review data and responses from student interviews.  
  - Are the responses what we would like to hear from our students?  
  - Do we have a clarity issue in the classrooms? | - Book: Clarity for Learning (Almarode & Vandas, 2020)  
  - PowerPoint presentations  
  - Baseline data form  
  - Decision-making protocol  
  - Feasibility Checklist | |
Leadership Team Research and Data Review Phase I

Is this an initiative the school desires to move forward with?

Factors to Consider:
1. Research: The “Why”
2. Feasibility review
3. Collaborative planning review
4. Review the Levels of Implementation Rubric (success criteria)
5. Review the PowerPoint presentations (Teacher Clarity presentations 1 and 2)
6. Gather initial data and identify additional data points
7. Create a Teacher Clarity Team
8. Communication to staff
John Hattie’s research:
A learning effect size of 0.40 equates to a year’s growth in learning. Implementing teacher clarity correctly results in an effect size of 0.75. This results in almost twice the effect size on one year of formal schooling.

If implementing all components with fidelity an effective size of 1.33 or triple the rate of learning!
Leadership Team Research and Data Review

PHASE I

“Why”

TAPS 2: Instructional Planning
TAPS 4: Differentiated Instruction
TAPS 5: Assessment Strategies
TAPS 6: Assessment Uses
TAPS 8: Academically Challenging Environment

- Impact on collaborative planning & organizing instruction
- Formative assessment/opportunities to respond
- Feedback between student and teachers, student and teacher, peer to peer
- Students self-monitoring and assessing. Own their learning!
Leadership Team and Data Review
Phase I
“Why”

The importance of the leadership-Which one impacts the most?

Transformational Leaders focus more on teachers. They set a vision, inspiring goals for the school, energize staff, protect teachers from external demands and give them high levels of autonomy in the classroom.

OR

The focus for Instructional Leaders is not the teachers but the students. They factor in much more on the teachers’ and school’s impact on student learning and instructional issues. Instructional Leaders spend much more of their time conducting classroom observations, building the collective professional trust to enable teachers to conduct peer observations, ensuring that teachers receive professional development opportunities that enhance student learning, and that all aspects of the school environment are conducive to learning.
Leadership Team and Data Review
Phase I
“Why”

The average effect size from transformational leadership was .11, whereas the impact of instructional leadership was .42

John Hattie Article:
Does school and college leadership really matter?
Leadership Team and Data Review
Phase I
Feasibility Checklist

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Leadership Team and Data Review
Phase I
Collaborative Planning

What are the expectations for collaborative planning?

• Is there a structure in place?
• Do you have a focus during collaborative planning by having teachers answer the 3 critical questions?
• Do you have a lesson plan format that includes an instructional framework?
• Does your lesson plan format address the 3 critical questions?

Note: Aligns well with the 4 questions from a PLC
Lesson Plan

Standard:

What am I learning for the day? (learning intention)

Why am I learning it?

How will I know when I have learned it? (success criteria for the day)
Leadership Team and Data Review
Phase 1
Levels of Implementation Rubric

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| ☐ Students are able to answer the 3 critical questions with less than 50% proficiency.  
- What am I Learning today?  
- Why am I Learning it?  
- How will I know I have learned it? | ☐ Students are able to answer the 3 critical questions with at least 50%-80% proficiency. | ☐ Students are able to answer the 3 critical questions with at least 80%-100% proficiency. |
| ☐ Student will refer to the board where the learning intention and success criteria are located and read or repeat verbatim. | ☐ Students are able to paraphrase the learning intention and the purpose for the learning but cannot explain how they will show success. | ☐ Students are able to summarize the learning intention, the purpose for the learning, and how they will demonstrate achievement of the success criteria. |
| ☐ There is little evidence of an instructional framework. The primary instructional delivery method is teacher-centered/lecture. | ☐ There is some evidence of an instructional framework with active engagement. | ☐ There is evidence of effective instructional framework that includes student-centered learning experiences aligned to learning intention and success criteria for the day. |
Leadership Team and Data Review Phase I

PowerPoint Review Sessions 1&2

Ga-DOE Teacher Clarity Presentations 1 & 2: www.gadoe.org/SDEevents

The leadership team develops a plan for leveraging resources:

- PL sessions
- Book/research studies
- External/internal support
Leadership Team and Data Review
Phase I
Poll Review

There is an expectation at my school to post learning intentions and success criteria that are visible and accessible to students.

- Yes: 77%
- No: 15%
- Unsure: 8%

My schools understand the purpose of learning intentions and success criteria.

- Yes: 64%
- No: 21%
- Unsure: 15%
Leadership Team and Data Review
Phase 1
Poll Review

There is an expectation at my school to communicate learning targets and success criteria throughout the class period

- Yes: 71%
- No: 21%
- Unsure: 8%

Students can articulate WHAT they are learning for the day.

- 0-25%: 26%
- 26%-50%: 43%
- 5%: 26%
Leadership Team and Data Review
Phase I
Poll Review

Students can articulate WHY they are learning the day’s content.

- 0-25%: 14%
- 26%-50%: 32%
- 51%-75%: 14%
- 76%-100%: 3%

Students can articulate HOW they will demonstrate proficiency for the day.

- 0-25%: 3%
- 26%-50%: 32%
- 51%-75%: 51%
- 76%-100%: 14%
Leadership Team and Data Review
Phase I
Gather Data Points

Do you have a clarity and alignment issue in the classroom?
Conduct classroom observations and ask students these questions:
• What are you learning today?
• Why are you learning it?
• How will you know when you have learned it? or How will you know you are successful?
Leadership Team and Data Review
Phase I
Posting Data Points

Learning Intentions and Success Criteria

What are the students saying?
Focus walk

Learning Intentions:

1. Student does not know what they are learning.
2. Student can communicate what they are doing, but it does not match the learning intention.
3. Student is able to communicate a basic understanding of the learning intention.
4. Student is able to communicate a detailed understanding of the learning intention.

Success Criteria:

1. Student does not have an answer.
2. Student can communicate some expectations, but it does not match the success criteria.
3. Student is able to communicate a basic understanding of the success criteria.
4. Student is able to communicate a detailed understanding of the success criteria.

Source: Clarity for learning (Almarode and Vandas, 2019)
Leadership Team and Data Review
Phase I

Other data points to consider

• % of teachers posting learning intentions and success criteria that are visible and accessible to the students.

• % of lesson plans showing learning intentions and success criteria that move learning towards the rigor and intent of the standard (progressions).

• % of classrooms with visual displays to assist students (including worked examples, anchor charts, rubrics, etc.).

• Level of rigor and types of opportunities to respond/formative assessments conducted in the classrooms

• Most common type of Feedback during the class period. (teacher-to-student, student-to-teacher, peer-to-peer)

• Types of data to check for student achievement growth

• % of students responding to higher order questions
Leadership Team and Data Review
Phase I
Teacher Clarity Implementation Team

• Identify leaders and teachers from across subject and grade levels that are supportive of the initiative to develop the initial plan.

• Identify teachers that are doing this work well to serve as models for their peers and provide professional learning to staff.
Implementation of Learning Intentions and Success Criteria

Phase I

Teacher Clarity Implementation Team

Five possible professional learning opportunities to assist teachers with implementation:

1. Learning intentions and success criteria - the foundation
2. Making the learning visible - a look at the tools to make learning visible in the classroom
3. Co-constructing success criteria
4. Providing formative assessment/opportunities to respond
5. Effective feedback in the classroom
Leadership Team and Data Review
Phase I
Communication of Teacher Clarity to Staff

Consider:

• Establish the “Why” - provide the staff with the research and data gathered
• Provide baseline data
• Discuss implementation expectations
• Elicit feedback
Six Phases of Implementation

• Phase I: Leadership Team Research and Data Review

• **Phase II: Implementing Learning Intentions and Success Criteria**

  • Phase III: Make the Learning Visible
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# Teacher Clarity: Phase II

## Phase II: Implementing Learning Intentions and Success Criteria

### Timeframe: 1-4 Weeks

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  - Feedback cards  
  - Review ppt. on ways to make learning visible  
  - Monitoring forms | - Observe and participate in professional learning |
| - learning intentions  
- success criteria  
- student accessibility (posting)  
- communication  
- lesson plan format  
- collaborative planning expectations  
- schoolwide instructional framework | | |
| **II.** Provide small groups and individual coaching, practice, and support based on identified teacher needs (tiered support) | - Coaching schedule  
- Tiered support plan | - Review lesson plans  
- Review observation data  
- Review tiered teacher plan  
- Review coaching logs |
| **III.** Conduct Focus Walks/Classroom Observations | - Focus walk form  
- Focus Walk Schedule  
- Data Analysis protocol  
- Communication plan | - Review schedule for focus walks  
- Participate in focus walks  
- Review teacher observation feedback data  
- Review student interview data |
| - Set expectations for number of walks to be completed by team  
- Conduct student interviews using the 3 critical questions: What, Why, How  
- Gather and analyze data  
- Provide teachers with observation feedback | | |
| **IV.** Leadership Team Meeting | - Focus walk data summary  
- Action plan | - Review agenda and minutes  
- Review updated action plan |
| - Discuss implementation progress and  
- Review focus walk data  
- Determine next steps for implementation  
- Update action plan | | |
Implementation of Teacher Clarity: Learning Intentions and Success Criteria Phase II

The Critical Foundation Component Look-fors:

- Learning intentions and success criteria
- The 3 critical questions: What, Why, How
- Student accessibility (understand)
- Student visibility (see it)
- Communication
- Lesson plan format
- Collaborative planning expectations
- Schoolwide instructional framework (Gradual Release)
Examples of Monitoring Forms

### Learning Intention and Success Criteria

**Focus Walk Form 2**

- The teacher used the following communication modes to share the learning intentions and criteria for success:
  - [ ] Oral
  - [ ] Written
  - [ ] Displayed
  - [ ] Demonstration/Modeling

- When did the teacher communicate the learning intentions and the criteria for success?
  - [ ] Before instruction
  - [ ] During instruction/ongoing
  - [ ] At the conclusion of instruction
  - [ ] Not communicated

- How did the teacher help the students to understand the learning intentions and the success criteria?
  - [ ] Conducted discussions and review
  - [ ] Discussed criteria, rubrics, checklists
  - [ ] Showed student work, modeled responses, think-aloud examined exemplars or anchors of quality
  - [ ] Helped students apply the success criteria to their own work
  - [ ] Involved students in co-constructing success criteria
  - [ ] Provided feedback to students that focused on the learning intention and the success criteria

- In what ways did the teacher engage in making the thinking and learning visible?
  - [ ] Teacher provided formative assessment opportunities to respond that made student learning and thinking visible: (tick if success criteria)
  - [ ] Helped students compare their work to exemplars, student work, rubrics, or anchors
  - [ ] Teacher provided opportunities to respond that allowed students to actively engage and participate in the lesson.
  - [ ] Provided effective feedback: Used strategic questioning, feedback to teacher and students answers 3 questions:
    - Where am I going?
    - How am I going?
    - Where do I go next?
  - [ ] Rubric
  - [ ] Checklist of expectations and requirements
  - [ ] Anchor papers, models, or other exemplars of quality
  - [ ] Not observed
  - [ ] Learning intentions only
  - [ ] Success criteria only
Examples of Monitoring Forms

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- Learning Intention and success criteria are communicated at the beginning of the lesson by the teacher.
- Students are able to answer the 3 critical questions with less than 50% proficiency.
  - What am I learning today?
  - Why am I learning it?
  - How will I show what I learned?
- Students are able to answer the 3 critical questions with at least 50%-60% proficiency.
- Students are able to answer the 3 critical questions with at least 60%-80% proficiency.
- Students are able to answer the 3 critical questions with at least 80%-100% proficiency.

- Students and teacher co-construct learning intention and success criteria through a variety of methods and are routinely referenced throughout the learning by the teacher and students.
- Students are able to summarize the learning intention, the purpose for the learning, and how they will demonstrate achievement of the success criteria.
- There is evidence of effective instructional framework that includes student-centered learning experiences aligned to learning intention and success criteria for the day.
### Examples of Monitoring Forms

**Teacher Clarity**

**Faculty Feedback Questionnaire**

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<td>What formative assessments have you used to determine if students are making progress in their learning?</td>
<td>What are tools you have used to make learning more visible to the students? Provide examples.</td>
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<td>How have you created more opportunities for students to respond in your classroom? Provide examples.</td>
<td>Have there been any changes with the amount and type of feedback in your classroom? Provide examples.</td>
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**Have these areas improved in your classroom since implementing learning intentions and success criteria?**

- Students know where they are going with their learning because of LI and SC
- I am able to monitor my students learning better because of the LI and SC
- Students are better able to monitor their growth in learning for the day because of the LI and SC
- My feedback to students has become more focused due to my use of LI and SC
- I am using more student-teacher feedback within my classroom
- My lessons have become more focused since implementing LI and SC
- Using LI and SC make me focus more on what the standard is asking of students and helps increase my rigor in my lessons
- I have seen my students learning increase on STAR and believe the use of LT and SC have contributed to that student learning
- I will continue to use LT and SC in the future
Examples of Monitoring Forms

Feedback Sessions with Teacher

- Have you noticed any changes in student learning since incorporating LTP 3C? What have you seen?
  - Skills are using the technical language
  - Language of the standards
  - Becoming more of a self-advocate
  - Student Self-Efficacy
  - Students are talking to each other, expressing support for one another
  - Next step: Teaching students to seek support and help from a peer before asking a teacher
  - Even if students answer incorrectly, students self-correct and correct their peers
  - Next step: Teach the process/procedure to interact

- What strategies have you used to determine if students have been successful in learning?
  - Strategies:
    - Exit tickets
    - 3 Boxes - Students place work in the app box: Work in Progress, Expert, Need help
    - Math - Look for student problems that were done incorrectly... Work student through the misconception
    - Talk to your neighbor: How did you solve the problem
    - Number Talks - Whole Process

- What are the next steps...
  - Trial and error: I have to sometimes go back and reteach.
  - It's new, messy
  - Collegial conversations to discuss the LT ahead of teaching the PS
  - Integrate movement
  - Write problems on the desk
  - Relationships w kids
  - Groups - Everyone has a role/job
  - Jig-Saw

→ Goes along with personalized learning
Assistance: Like the feedback
Implementation of Teacher Clarity
Learning Intentions and Success Criteria
Phase II

Conduct focus walks/classroom observations:

Items to plan for:

• Number of walks to be completed
  • Structure of focus walks
  • Who will participate?
  • What format will you use?
  • How will you incorporate student interviews that include the three critical questions?

• Data to be gathered and analyzed

• Format for providing teacher observation feedback

• Calendar of walks – observer, day, time, etc.
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# Teacher Clarity: Phase III

## Phase III:
Make the Learning Visible  
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Begin coaching, practice, and support for effective practices in making the learning visible to the students:  
- Implement use of a schoolwide instructional framework.  
- Implement use of student support resources: anchor charts, examples, non-examples, student work exemplars, rubrics, checklist, etc.  
- Ensure alignment of standards, learning intention, success criteria, and student support resources  
- Continue coaching and support of Phase II  
- Move teachers through phases based on classroom data and teacher needs |  
- Professional learning plan  
- Instructional Framework  
- Exemplar student support resources  
- Standards  
- Coaching plans/schedule |  
- Attend professional learning  
- Continue Focus Walks including student interviews  
- Monitor use of a schoolwide instructional framework.  
- Monitor use of student support resources: anchor charts, examples, non-examples, student work exemplars, rubrics, checklist, etc. |
| **II. Provide small groups and individual coaching, practice, and support based on identified teacher needs (tiered support)** |  
- Coaching schedule  
- Tiered support plan |  
- Review lesson plans  
- Review observation data  
- Review tiered teacher plan  
- Review coaching logs |
| **III. Teacher Clarity Implementation Team**  
- Research co-constructing success criteria  
- Develop faculty guidelines  
- Plan professional learning |  
- Professional learning plan  
- Communication plan |  
- Review PL plan  
- Review faculty guidelines |
| **IV. Leadership Team**  
- Review data results from phase II  
- Discuss next steps and support  
- Update implementation action plan  
- Share data with the staff |  
- Focus walk data summary  
- Action plan  
- Communication plan |  
- Review agenda and minutes  
- Review updated action plan |
| **IV. Faculty Meeting**  
- Share schoolwide data  
- Communicate updated action plan  
- Collect feedback |  
- Data report/presentation  
- Feedback form/format |  
- Participate in faculty meeting  
- Review agenda and minutes  
- Review staff feedback |
Implementation of Teacher Clarity
Making the Learning Visible
Phase III

Making the learning visible in the classrooms.
Effective practices look-fors:

- Modeling & demonstrations
- Anchor charts
- Work examples & Non examples
- Rubrics
- Checklists
- Strong student work
- Other practices
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# Teacher Clarity: Phase IV

## Phase IV: Co-Constructing Success Criteria

**Timeframe:** 3-4 Weeks

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| **I. Professional Learning** | - Conduct professional learning on co-constructing success criteria  
- Implement teacher practice on co-constructing success criteria in classrooms with students | - Research on co-constructing success criteria opportunities to respond, and effective feedback  
- Monitoring forms  
- Monitoring calendar  
- PPT presentations  
- Feedback form | - Observe and participate in collaborative planning  
- Continue Focus Walks including student interviews |
| **II. Provide coaching, practice, and support** | - Coaching schedule  
- Coaching log  
- Observation data | | |
| **III. Teacher Clarity Implementation Team** | - Professional learning plan  
- Communication plan | | |
| **IV. Leadership Team** | - Focus walk data summary  
- Action plan  
- Communication plan | | |
| **V. Faculty Meeting** | - Data report/presentation  
- Feedback form/format | | |

**Notes:**
- Tier teachers based on observations and expressed needs.
- Develop faculty guidelines.
- Plan professional learning.
- Monitor teacher progress through his.
- Review lesson plans.
- Review observation data.
- Review tiered teacher plan.
- Review coaching logs.
- Review PL plan.
- Review faculty guidelines.
- Review updated action plan.
- Participate in faculty meeting.
Implementation of Teacher Clarity: Co-Constructing Success Criteria
Phase IV

Teacher and students co-constructing the success criteria.

• Co-constructing success criteria with students increases…
  o their willingness to engage in the task and see the importance and purpose
  o their confidence, decreases anxiety, connects to their prior knowledge
  o the probability that they will reinvest in subsequent learning opportunities
  o Student’s self-efficacy as learners

• Identify ways to co-construct success criteria

Note: Co-constructing does not need to occur on every standard.

Almarode and Vandas, 2019
Implementation of Teacher Clarity
Co-construct the Success Criteria
Phase IV

Looks-fors:

• Have students view different types of proficient student work of the same skill and asking, “What features can you identify in these examples?”

• Have students look at the standard and brainstorm with the teacher asking, “What do you think we would have to do to show if we understood this standard?”

• Demonstrate good and low-quality examples of work and determine which is better and why.

• Doing it wrong. The teacher will demonstrate how NOT to do the task.

• Gather examples of work, exemplars, models and have the students and teacher review and determining what characteristics of quality work are present.

As success criteria is generated, the teacher and student create a way to chart the criteria. Teachers and students might create a rubric, a checklist, or other way of representing the criteria.
Six Phases of Implementation

- Phase I: Leadership Team Research and Data Review
- Phase II: Implementing Learning Intentions and Success Criteria
- Phase III: Make the Learning Visible
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# Teacher Clarity: Phase V

## Phase V: Opportunities to Respond/Formative Assessment
**Timeframe: 2-4 Weeks**

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- Coaching log  
- Observation data | - Participate in professional learning  
- Continue classroom observations including student interviews |
|   | - Conduct professional learning on opportunities to respond/formative assessment and student self-assessment  
- Implement teacher practice on opportunities to respond in classrooms | |
| II. Provide coaching, practice, and support | - Coaching schedule  
- Coaching log  
- Observation data | - Review lesson plans  
- Review observation data  
- Review tiered teacher plan  
- Review coaching logs  
- Monitor teacher progress through tiers of support |
|   | - Tier teachers based on observations and expressed needs | |
| III. Teacher Clarity Implementation Team | - Professional learning plan  
- Communication plan | - Review PL plan  
- Review faculty guidelines |
|   | - Begin research on Effective Feedback  
   - Teacher-to-Student  
   - Student-to Teacher  
   - Peer-to-Peer  
   - Develop faculty guidelines  
   - Plan professional learning | |
| IV. Leadership Team | - Focus walk data summary  
- Action plan  
- Communication plan | - Review agenda and minutes  
- Review updated action plan |
|   | - Review data results from phase IV  
- Discuss next steps and support  
- Update implementation action plan  
- Share data with the staff | |
Implementation of Teacher Clarity
Opportunities to Respond/Formative Assessment
Phase V

Opportunities to respond include any strategies or tasks that make student thinking visible and allow both the teacher and learner to observe learning progress. (Almarode & Vandas, 2019)

Look-fors:

• Engaging and rigorous tasks
• Formative assessment opportunities that allows the student and teacher to determine if learning is progressing
Which Teacher Provides More Opportunity to Respond?

Task: A two-step word problem that involves multiplication and subtraction

Teacher 1: Michael buys two bags of dog food that each cost $18.99 with a coupon. He hands the checkout person $50.00. How much change does he get back?

(The teacher provides four multiple-choice distractors.)

Teacher 2: Create a two-step word problem that involves adding, subtracting, and/or multiplying money and solve it. Write an explanation of how you solved the problem.

Which teacher makes the learning more visible?

(Almarode and Vandas, 2019)
Which Teacher Provides More Opportunity to Respond?

**Task:** Teacher has just explained and provided an example of the interaction of supply and demand and wants to check for understanding.

**Teacher 1:** “Give me a thumps up” if you understand how supply and demand interact with each other?

**Teacher 2:** A major gas pipeline has exploded in the Gulf of Mexico and it’s the major supply of oil for the United States. Turn to your talk neighbor and explain how supply and demand are affected.

Which teacher makes the learning more visible?
Formative Assessment/
Opportunities to Respond
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## Teacher Clarity: Phase VI

### Phase VI:
**Effective Feedback**  
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   o Conduct professional learning on effective feedback  
     i. Teacher-to-Student  
     ii. Student-to Teacher  
     iii. Peer-to-Peer  
   o Implement teacher practice on effective feedback  
   o Provide support and feedback |  
   | o Participate in professional learning  
   | o Continue classroom observations including student interviews  
   |   |
| II. Provide coaching, practice, and support  
   o Tier teachers based on observations and expressed needs |  
   | o Coaching schedule  
   | o Coaching log  
   | o Observation data |  
   | o Review lesson plans  
   | o Review observation data  
   | o Review tiered teacher plan  
   | o Review coaching logs  
   | o Monitor teacher progress through tiers of support |
| III. Teacher Clarity Implementation Team  
   o Review implementation plan  
   o Review implementation/focus walk data |  
   | o Professional learning plan  
   | o Communication plan |  
   | o Review implementation plan updates  
   | o Review sustainability plan |
| IV. Leadership Team  
   o Review data results from phase V  
   o Discuss next steps and support  
   o Review sustainability plan  
   o Review intervention evaluation plan  
   o Update implementation action plan  
   o Share data with the staff |  
   | o Focus walk data summary  
   | o Action plan  
   | o Intervention effectiveness and evaluation plan |  
   | o Conduct intervention effectiveness and evaluation study annually |
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Phase VI

Effective Feedback Look-fors:
• More student-to-teacher feedback
• Strategic questioning by the teacher (rigor and DOK)
• Does the feedback answer the questions:
  • Where am I going?
  • How am I going?
  • Where am I going next

(Hattie 2012)
Feedback

Examples of Student-to-Teacher Probing Questions

- How could you change this to make it clearer?
- Can you tell me or show me what you have learned so far?
- Can you tell me what you’re going to do first?
- What do you mean by…? (Just because a teacher “taught” it doesn’t mean the student understood it in the intended way.)
- Why do you think…?
- **Can you give me an example of what you mean?** (Key question to determine misconceptions)
- Can you develop that thought? Tell me more…

(Hattie and Clark, 2019)
Questions
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