# Free TaJu Wednesday Webinar Series for Dual Language & multilingual programs (12:00 – 1:00pm CST):

- □ 4/22 Understanding & Ensuring the Rights of Multilingual Learners
- ☐ 4/29 Using Accurate Data to Support MLLs during these unprecedented times
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- □ 5/20 Best Practice for Grading Language Learners in Quarter 4
- ☐ 5/27 Promotion and Graduation Considerations for MLLs & SIFE students
- 6/3 Preparing Families, Educators, &
   Schools for Programs in the Fall

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# The *STAKES* of our New Crisis:

If we don't teach students that they are powerful, that they come from greatness, that they matter, that they too can enact change in the world in which they live, we will ALL suffer the consequence and tension of creating another generation of kids who are disconnected from their greatest assets, angry at the 'crumbs' they have to fight for in life, & reject the notion that they owe anything to this nation. This cannot be acceptable - aren't they, too, the people of this nation?

Alexandra Guilamo, February 2020



### **Our Current Reality**

Amidst uncertainty and crisis, how do we plan and prepare for "back to school"?





Equity Framework at the HEART of TaJu's work...

Use the Equity
Framework to reflect,
identify, & learn from
the challenges &
privileges that have
emerged over the last

2-3 months:

WHY ARE WE HERE & IS THIS WHERE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE?

The mission of equity and social justice in schools is to disperse privilege, dismantle oppression, and empower previously silenced youth in order to return education to its intended democratic purpose



The histories & testimonios of oppressed students & peoples from around the globe reveal a perspective, point of view, & insight that must be valued & studied if schools are to educate youth & achieve social justice



WHAT
HAPPENED... &
HOW THEN DID
WE GET HERE?

Prejudice, racism, bias, and oppression all exist and require elevating the most silenced voices with decision-makers and others in power in order to be dismantled.



Objectivity and equal opportunity are myths designed to maintain privilege and power in the hands of the current holders



**NATION** 

As with all change, especially involving distribution of resources and power, this reversal of privilege and power is best done when staff, learning environments, and partnerships in the community reflect the rich and complex diversity of the schools' community and student demographics.



Schools must prioritize the time, attention, capacity building efforts, tools, and resources necessary for these tenets to effectively be learned, lived, and embedded in the culture for sustainability



### **Culture & Climate:**

Do NOT Overlook the fact that most families, staff, and leaders are exhausted, scared, and frustrated with a situation & world so out of control.

### C. DOORS: Application & Creation of New Perspective & Personal Meaning

Variety, choice of thought, and invitation to employ diverse perspectives as they use that learning towards actions that contributes to the world

B. **WINDOWS**: Insight and respect for the perspectives and beliefs of others

Talk time, tasks, and tools that allow students to explore, question, and consider perspectives that are different than their own as they engage in deep learning rather than covering a unit

A. MIRRORS: Worthy texts & teams that allow students see their stories

Identity Affirming Reflects students' reference points, connects, and engages worthy heroes

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### **Communities will be different:**

\*Start with mirrors: (1) Listen, (2) affirm & acknowledge diverse perspectives, (3) shine light on the limitation of that perspective

- Leaders: mindset, support, accountability for equity/access
- Staff: filling their bucket, new tools, focused collaboration
- Families: communication, input
- Students: safety first (physical, emotional, racial, linguistic, etc.



## Communicate w/ families, community, & staff:

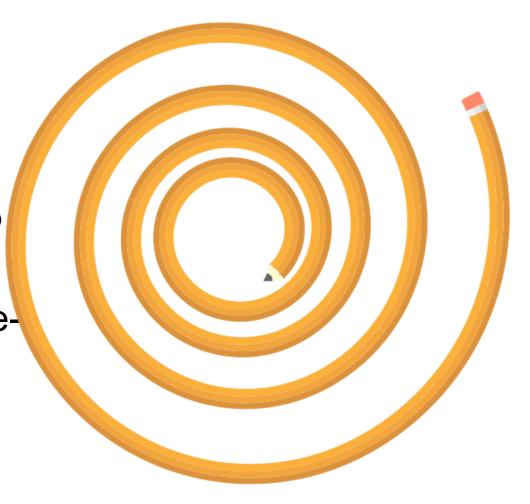
- School's recognition of their families strength, resilience, & greatness during such challenging times
- Maintain hope for a better tomorrow
- What do families need for that better tomorrow?
- What do we know & don't know?
- What the school is doing to ensure students will be safe?



## **Anticipating the Needs:** *Learning & Instruction*

What gaps can be anticipated?

- NOT "instructional triage" (Kerns & McClarity, 5/23/2020)
- Removing gaps w/ lived experiences
- Demand & leverage a few key evidencebased approaches → asset-based, funds of knowledge
- Simple brilliance of TUTORS
- Spiral learning → what Katrina taught us (J. Gonzalez, 5/24/2020)





### **Logistical Considerations**

### 3 Pillars of Dual Language Education



 Multiple contingency plans with flexibility, responses to safety issues, & clear communication

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 Plan for multiple contingency plans and possible rotating schedules, NOT for a LESS effective program model designed to accelerate learning, equity, & social justice



### **Additional Considerations**

### **3 Pillars of Dual Language Education**



- Alignment to all Three Pillars
- New tools needed to coordinate instruction delivered at school & gradually released for application at home
- Partners that ensure practice, resources, content, & perspectives in the necessary languages
- Teacher coaching is now imperative to maximize face-toface time
- Leveraging PLC's

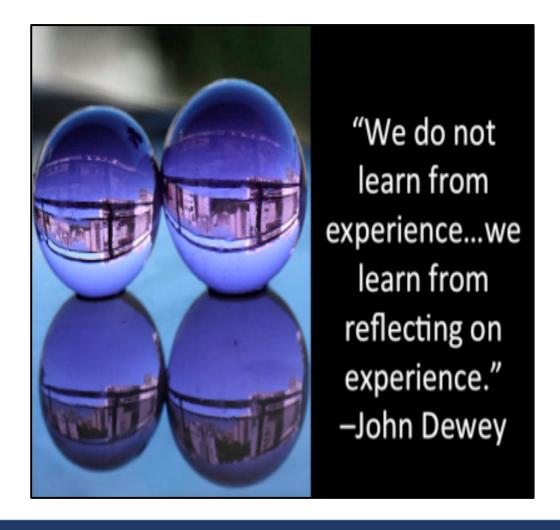


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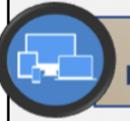
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