

# FACE TO FACE

## CONNECTING COMMUNITY TO CLASSROOM

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## MODERN SKILLS

Often, the idea of modern skills gets conflated with technology — that students need to be interfacing with applications and screens to get to where they're going.

However, the core 21st century skills — **collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and problem solving** — are all rooted in something more fundamental — the ability to communicate effectively with other human beings.







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Boston Partners in Education and Austin Partners in Education, two organizations on opposite sides of the country, were born out of the same principle 50 years ago — that there is an irreplaceable benefit to students working face to face with the people from their communities.

We believe that — even in the digital age — there is nothing more critical to a child's development than in-person interaction.



## OUR PITCH

In our Campfire at SXSW Edu, we want to engage in a dialogue with participants about why the idea of human interaction is innovative and important in 2019. How can you — as educators and school officials — tap into your communities and the power of people who want to help?







## US, TOGETHER

Together, we'll explore the social-emotional benefits of connecting K-12 students to caring adults, and we'll discuss some of the practical concerns with bringing outsiders into a classroom and consider how to address them.



## WHAT WE'LL DISCUSS

1

How face to face interaction gains value in the digital age. In-class mentoring is a cost-effective solution to aiding student development everywhere.

2

How to tap into your communities and the power of people who want to help. Creating, leveraging, and sustaining community and corporate partnerships.

3

How to structure the volunteer environment, partnership, and experience in the classroom to maximize the impact of a successful mentoring relationship.







## **INTERACT WITH US**

We believe the campfire is the perfect format for this discussion; It reinforces what decades of community mentorship has proven to us — that when it comes to learning, there is nothing stronger than face-to-face interaction.