



# LOVE: THE SECRET INGREDIENT

Select several questions from below to utilize for discussion groups after viewing the *Love: The Secret Ingredient* professional learning video. All videos and supplementary resources from The Green Room can be accessed at:

**[JOSTENSRENAISSANCE.COM/GREENROOM](http://JOSTENSRENAISSANCE.COM/GREENROOM)**.

## >>>> STAFFULTY/STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

(3-8 people from different subject areas)

- What teacher made the greatest impact on your life? What qualities do they possess? What traits of theirs do you employ in your classroom?
- Share a breakthrough moment that you experienced with a student and the key to unlocking that relationship.
- Why did you decide to get into education? Do you still have that same “why” today? Why or why not?
- How can you convey that you genuinely care about your students as individuals beyond the class subject matter?
- Does your school’s environment foster a caring atmosphere? If yes, in what ways? If no, what could improve it?
- Is there a certain type of student you struggle to connect with? If so, what professional growth opportunities are available? Are there other teachers in the building who are able to connect with this type of student?

## >>>> SUPPORTIVE STAFFULTY RELATIONSHIPS SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

(3-8 people from different subject areas)

- How can your school be more intentional about creating authentic connection opportunities outside of the typical hallway/departmental/PLC connections that are most often made?
- What are the areas in which the staffulty needs the most support this year? What support structures could be created for staffulty on your campus?
- As a school, how are we attending to the emotional needs of the adults on your campus? How can we create a connected and loving culture amongst the staffulty so everyone feels safe sharing vulnerability?
- Describe specific things a supportive colleague does professionally and personally to foster strong relationships.
- Share a story of a time when a colleague helped you through a personally or professionally challenging situation.

## >>>> LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION (Entire Staffulty)

**ONE MEMBER FROM EACH SMALL GROUP:**

- Share a story of a breakthrough moment with a student and the key for unlocking the relationship.
- Share an idea that would help create a more loving environment on the campus.
- Share an idea for cultivating a culture of love and belonging in the classroom.
- Share an idea for a staffulty connection opportunity.
- Share the biggest area of need for staffulty support this year and an idea that would help.

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## ACTION PLAN (Entire Staffulty)

- Identify, plan, and execute a school improvement idea that will create a more loving environment on your campus.
- Brainstorm connection opportunities for your staffulty for the entire school year. Plan and execute at least four of them.