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World Café Conversation

The Café Conversation is a method for encouraging collaborative dialogue around questions that matter. Today, our work is to reflect on our current communication practices and consider how the IAP2 Core Values and Spectrum of Participation challenge those practices.

Our goal is to engage in conversations that answer the two questions listed below. Before diving into conversation, choose a table host (see back). Then take a minute to individually jot down your thoughts about the questions before beginning the conversation.

Take about 20 minutes to respond to the following questions:

- Think about how adoption of the IAP2 core values challenges your notions of community engagement. How do these core values challenge your practice as an educational leader?
- What questions does the Spectrum of Participation raise for you?

After 20 minutes, everyone but the table host moves to a different table. After the table host provides a quick summary of the previous discussion, engage in further conversation regarding the questions.

Reflect on how your understanding has deepened as you participate in this new group. What are you able to contribute to the new group from your previous table conversation?

We will take a few moments to share some of your tables' responses. Each group will post the summary of their conversation so that others can view them later on. Also, MinnSPRA will use your responses in their workshop later this afternoon.

At the end of the activity we will take a minute to provide people with an opportunity to share their thoughts about this process.

I'm a Table Host, What Do I Do?

- Remind people at your table to jot down key connections, ideas, discoveries, and deeper questions as they emerge.
- Remain at the table when others leave and welcome travelers from other tables.
- Briefly share insights from the prior conversation so others can link and build using ideas from their respective tables.