Region 8 Staff Development
George Couros – Innovator’s Mindset

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"Technology will not replace great teachers but technology in the hands of great teachers can be transformational."

George Couros
“Transformational leaders don't start by denying the world around them. Instead, they describe a future they'd like to create instead.”

Seth Godin

From: http://www.flickr.com/photos/bdesham/3259862682/
“If you don't like change, you're going to like irrelevance even less.”

General Erick Shinseki

From: http://www.flickr.com/photos/nasarobonaut/5478897371/
Dear Students,

I know when you’re texting in class.

Seriously, no one just looks down at their crotch and smiles.

Sincerely, Your Teacher.
"The longer we keep up the facade that school is the primary place of learning, the sooner we'll become irrelevant."

Dean Shareski
If you generally think of the Internet as a place to “look up stuff” you’re missing the best part
Jennifer Hollman @jenhollman

Skyped with gr5 class in US today..turned into lesson on hurricane Sandy and Fahrenheit-Celsius conversion #awesome #psd70 #keephillsschool

Shannon Lillywhite @ShanLillywhite

@jenhollman that is very cool! @Wab4_5 has been tweeting with a class in Iowa. looked at miles and km conversions and mapping #wbspsd #psd70
“As the Internet has become more central in our lives, we have begun to witness a revival of the importance of being human.”
Notter and Grant
To inspire meaningful change, you must make a connection to the heart before you can make a connection to the mind.
The biggest shift for leaders using technology is not skill set; it’s **mindset.**
The Big Question

Would you want to spend the whole day learning in your own classroom?
4 Guiding Questions For Your IT Department

What is best for kids?

How does this improve learning?

If we were to do __________, what is the balance of risk vs. reward?

Is this serving the few or the majority?
IF I DIE
I hope it's during a staff meeting because the transition to death would be so subtle.
“To innovate, disrupt your routine.”
Help move people from their “Point A” to their “Point B”.
“...And truth be told, teachers should be responsible for their own PD now. Kids wouldn’t wait for a blogging workshop. Adults shouldn’t either.”
Will Richardson
“Intrapreneurial spirit” in schools will more than likely lead to “entrepreneurial spirit” outside of them.
Everyone is a teacher, everyone is a learner.
Google is the new business card
Steps Towards Innovative Change (Non-Sequential)

1. Focus on Learning First, Technology Second

2. Create Meaningful Learning Experiences

3. Narrow Your Focus
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4. Focus on Strengths

5. Create and Embrace an Open Culture
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WHAT IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE

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