

2021-22



Annual Report

CENTER FOR INSPIRED TEACHING

*Reimagining
Reconfiguring
Reconnecting*

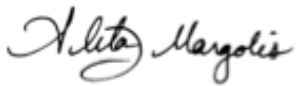
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Letter from the President and Founder, Aleta Margolis

The 2021-2022 school year was one of reimagining, reconfiguring, and reconnecting. At a time when schools were scrambling to meet needs, we were able to continue providing all our programming and resources for teachers and students free of charge thanks to the support of our donor community. As a result, we saw an explosion in our reach. Our Professional Learning for Teachers served 3,600 teachers in the DC metropolitan area (a 100% increase from the prior year), plus an additional 5,800 teachers across the US and around the world.

Center for Inspired Teaching envisions a future in which every person is prepared to thrive in and contribute to our complex and rapidly changing world, through an education that teaches students how to think. The global pandemic and its impact on education have reinforced our commitment to this vision, while also challenging us to rethink how we provide training and resources for teachers. As a result, we've developed many new ways to help teachers grow. The following report for the 2021-22 school year highlights our programs' impact on teachers across the Washington, DC region and beyond. In addition to the extensive work we have done with teachers, we reached students directly through our yearlong Real World History course and Speak Truth program - both of which serve as models of engagement-centered learning and Inspired Teaching in action.



Aleta Margolis



"I feel part of a bigger, more expansive movement that's helping public education and public service grow in healthy, vibrant ways. And part of that is sharing observations about how to go about the work of changemaking."



Professional Learning for Teachers

In the 2021-22 school year, Inspired Teaching began to bring back in-person programming. Other than a break during the winter months when surging COVID rates forced us back online entirely, in-person programming was available for the entire school year. It was rewarding to engage face-to-face one again.

Online learning is still a vital component of our work. Through our tools for teacher reflection and growth ([Hooray for Monday](#), [Instigator of Thought self-guided professional development activities](#), [ABCDE website](#)), live professional learning ([Monthly Institutes](#)), and resource-rich [lesson plan library](#) (featuring dozens of lessons tailored to different grade levels), we reached 9,400 teachers and school leaders including 3,600 in the DC metro region.

In August 2022 our Speak Truth Fellowship began. Fellows will implement Speak Truth sessions in a wide variety of school and youth group settings, and their insights will help us to enhance our resources for teachers who want to implement the program in the future.

Post-seminar surveys from live training showed that 100% of participants rated our professional learning:

- useful or very useful for their work
- engaging or very engaging.
- relevant to someone teaching their content area and grade level

All participants said they learned how to build more meaningful relationships with their students.



"While I was nervous, [the training] pushed me out of my comfort zone. I enjoyed that not all the games required speaking and moving and that the type of modality changed from game to game."

"Your thoughtful protocols and delivery of content is polished, professional, well thought-out, and valuable."

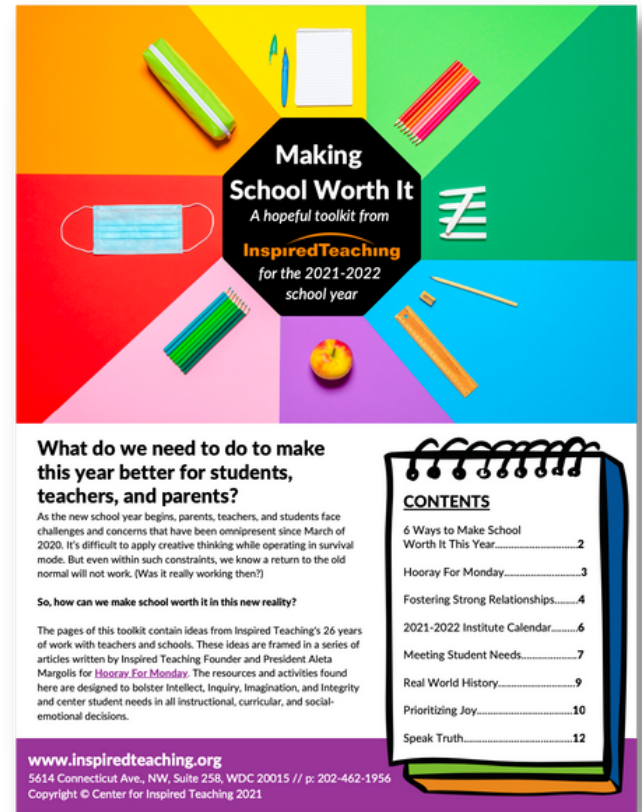
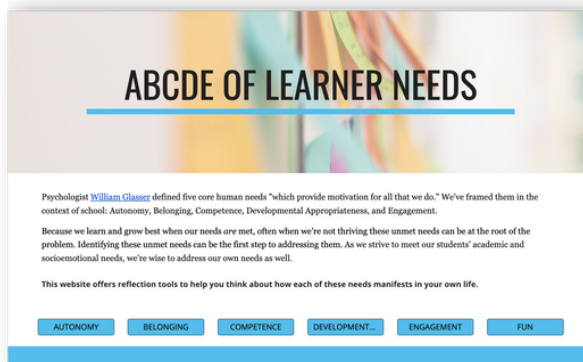
Publications, Toolkits, and Awards



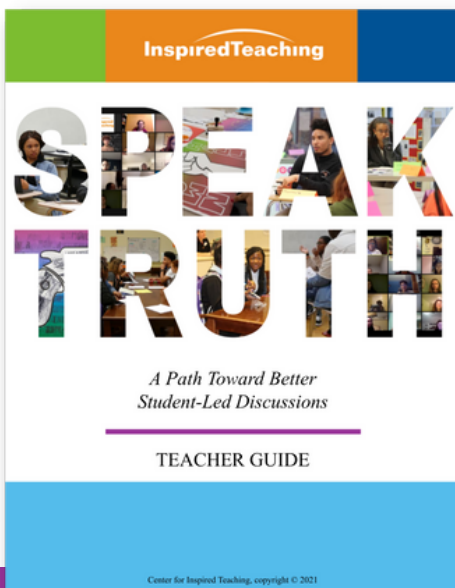
Hooray For Monday - a weekly dose of teacher inspiration, and a Silver Medal Winner in the Webby/Anthem Awards"

"As usual, your "Hooray for Monday" column inspires and motivates me to be my best as an educator."

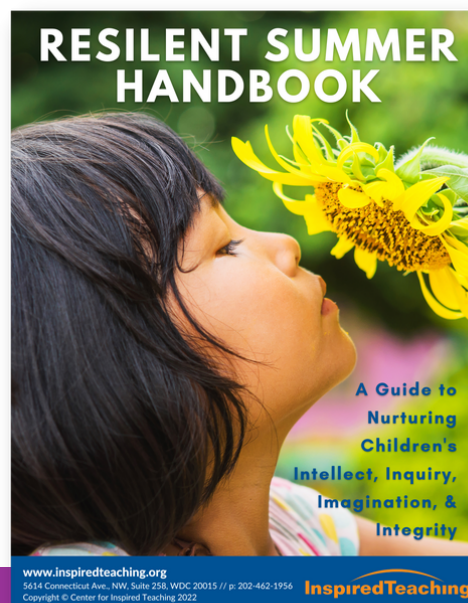
ABCDE's of Learner Needs
- a website to address classroom behavioral challenges by addressing unmet needs



Making School Worth It Toolkit - a free toolkit to help teachers and parents center student needs in all instructional, curricular, and social-emotional decisions



Speak Truth Guidebook - a comprehensive resource to spread our model of student-led dialogue

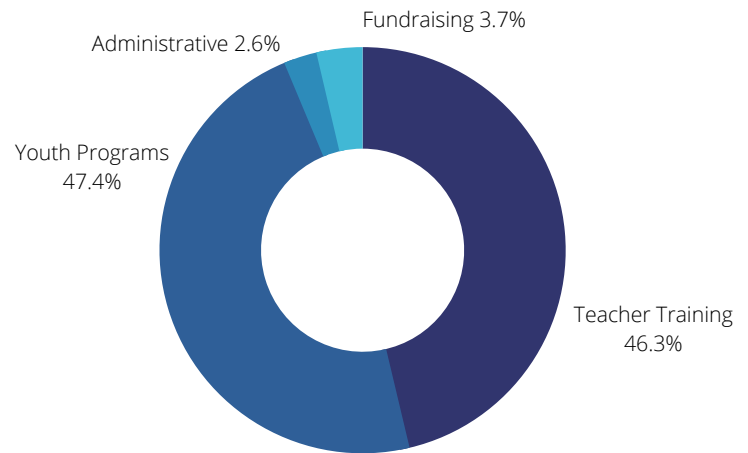
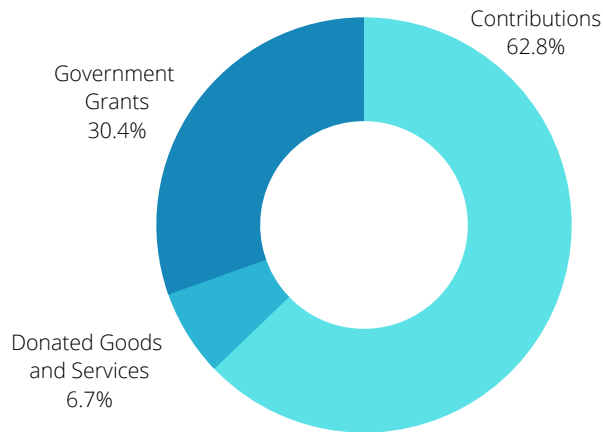


Resilient Children Handbook - a guide to activities and insights for parents who want to bring the Inspired Teaching Approach into their homes

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FY 2021-22 Finances

\$413,747
EXPENDITURES



\$411,186
SUPPORT AND REVENUE

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made possible:*

24 Inspired Teaching Institutes

6 Inspired Teaching Guidebooks published

52 Issues of Hooray For Monday

34 Hooray For Monday podcast episodes

28 Real World History students

92 Speak Truth student participants

3,600 educators reached in the DC metro region, plus an additional

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