

FROM THE MAKERS OF RACE TO NOWHERE

BEYOND MEASURE

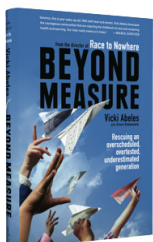
CREATING CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

IF YOU ARE A SCHOOL & DISTRICT LEADER

- Partner with a nearby school that is innovating.
- Pilot a small school-within-a school to explore new teaching and learning models. Ask interested teachers to opt-in to the pilot program, rather than requiring immediate changes of all faculty.
- Create a school schedule that prioritizes health, wellness, and depth over breadth.
- Provide enough time and opportunity to personalize learning, do complex work, and form strong student-teacher relationships.
- Provide enough time for productive collaboration among staff.
- Eliminate tracking practices that label students or limit teaching and learning opportunities for all.
- Explore opportunities to increase parent engagement and consider establishing a parent resource center.
- Keep informed about good education research and how to transform it into practice.

IF YOU ARE A PARENT

- Be an advocate for change at your school.
- Opt your child out of high-stakes standardized tests.
- Attend school board and PTA meetings to stay informed and add your voice.
- Grow the movement by posting the *Beyond Measure* trailer to your school or community website or a school or personal blog.
- Bring *Beyond Measure* to your community.
- Read our new book, *Beyond Measure: Rescuing an Overscheduled, Overtested, Underestimated Generation* and consider organizing a community read as a follow up to the film screening. You'll read the stories of communities taking bold action — in school and at home — to reclaim healthy childhood and cultivate a deeper, richer learning experience in schools.



GET OUR NEW BOOK

***Beyond Measure:
Rescuing an Overscheduled,
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Generation, 2015***

IF YOU ARE A TEACHER

- Create flexibility in the classroom to promote the best learning in all situations for all students.
- Offer students opportunities to direct, assess and evaluate their own learning and progress.
- Replace conventional testing and evaluation with alternative and formative assessments like presentations or portfolios of student work.
- Experiment with engaging learning models like design thinking, appreciative inquiry and project-based learning.
- Believe in the resilience of all students.

IF YOU ARE A STUDENT

- Tell your teachers which assignments excite you... and which don't.
- Ask to do an independent project or apprenticeship in place of a conventional course.
- Ask your teachers to replace letter or number grading on some key assignments with a qualitative, narrative evaluation--either written or in the form of a verbal conference.
- Ask your teachers to replace conventional grading on some key assignments with a peer-review board or another collaborative form of evaluation.
- Ask your teachers to replace a graded test with a class or community presentation that demonstrates your learning in a particular area.
- Form a student committee on wellness, and take your first action by surveying students about their emotional health, physical health, sleep and sense of inclusion in school decision-making.
- Meet with your principal to address issues that concern you at school.
- Attend a Board of Education meeting with some friends and introduce yourself; many boards hear only very rarely from students.
- Learn about the Students Bill of Rights and bring it to your school. Visit www.StuRights.org to get started.
- Choose courses and electives that excite you and make you feel eager to learn...not courses that will "look good" to colleges or on a resume.

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