Exploring Expressions, Equations, and Statistics

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4:00 p.m. Welcome, Introductions, and Objectives

The goals for this bridge event are to:

- The importance of teaching mathematics in conceptual ways.
- How to teach students to evaluate and compare different strategies for solving problems.
- Modeling how to monitor and reflect on the problem-solving process to articulate reasoning behind strategy choice and identify which strategy presented the most efficient means of obtaining the solution.
- Resources supported by the What Works
 Clearinghouse and the National Council for the
 Teachers of Mathematics.

4:05 p.m. Research in the Area of Algebraic Reasoning and Introduction to the Practice Guide on Problem Solving

- Overview of research evidence on Multiple Strategy Instruction and Problem Solving (Improving Mathematical Problem Solving).
- Practice multiple strategies in a way that will allows the comparison the efficiency of solution strategies and the importance of students being able to articulate the reasoning behind their methods.

4:20 p.m. **Examination of Recommendation 3 of the Algebra Practice Guide**

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4:30 p.m. Simplifying Problems and Intentionally Choosing Strategies

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- Simplifying a problem in order to make it accessible to all students.
- The importance of intentionally choosing strategies when solving problems.
- Contrast "key word" approaches with problemsolving that highlights how students need to learn to reason through problems rather than memorize "key words" that will "expire" depending on the problem type.

3:30 p.m. **Questions and Wrap Up**

Dr. Tim Jacobbe

3:55 p.m. Stakeholder Feedback

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