Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the new school year and a new Spark. We offer these resources to spark conversation and innovation in 15 minutes or less. These “sparks” can be used as food for thought or to engage in conversations among peers. ISACS will be sending Sparks throughout the school year and we hope they will be helpful.

October’s Topic: Student-Led Conferences
Student-led conferences are a growing trend in schools. How can your school effectively use this powerful approach to communication and reflection? The goal is to allow for students to feel empowered, and for parents to have an open dialogue with their child and the teacher.

Videos:

Clip #1: Student-led conferences can lead to empowerment and ownership for students
(5:05 minutes)

Clip #2: Student-Led conferences can be successful in the primary grades
(Click here for the full PDF article)
(4:30 minutes)
Clip #3: A new idea: a home conference between a parent and child

(3:32 minutes)

Additional Resources:

- Including students in conferences gets them excited and allows for connections among teacher, student, and parents
- Allow students to prepare and take responsibility for their conferences

We hope these resources provide sparks for conversation.

Regards,

The ISACS Professional Services Committee & the ISACS Professional Development Team

PAST SPARKS

Please visit www.isacs.org/ISACSSpark to view all previous ISACS Sparks.

This email has been sent to heads of school, division heads, assistant/associate heads, deans of faculty, deans of studies, directors of professional development, and ISACS teacher representatives.