Dear Colleagues,

We offer the following resources to spark conversation and innovation in 15 minutes or less. These “sparks” can be used as food for thought or to encourage conversations among peers.

**May’s Topic: Empathy**
Empathy is understanding another person's thoughts, feelings, and condition from his or her point of view, rather than from one's own. Empathy facilitates prosocial or helping behaviors that come from within, rather than being forced, so that people behave in a more compassionate manner.

**Videos:**

- **Clip #1:** [The Bystander Effect The Science of Empathy](#)  
  (5:35 minutes)

- **Clip #2:** [Three videos on the importance of empathy](#)  
  (including Brene Brown, *Edutopia*)
Spotlight on Equity and Justice:

- Watch a community coming together (2:59 minutes)
- Boys Have Deep Emotional Lives, The Atlantic
- Where Does a Transgender Child Fit In At School? New York Public Radio article and audio broadcast (6 minutes)

We hope these resources provide sparks for conversation. Look for the return of The Spark next fall!

Regards,

The ISACS Professional Services Committee & the ISACS Professional Development Team

**PAST SPARKS**

Please visit [www.isacs.org/ISACSSpark](http://www.isacs.org/ISACSSpark) to view all previous ISACS Sparks.

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