



Building a Systemwide Instructional Model that Makes Learning Stick



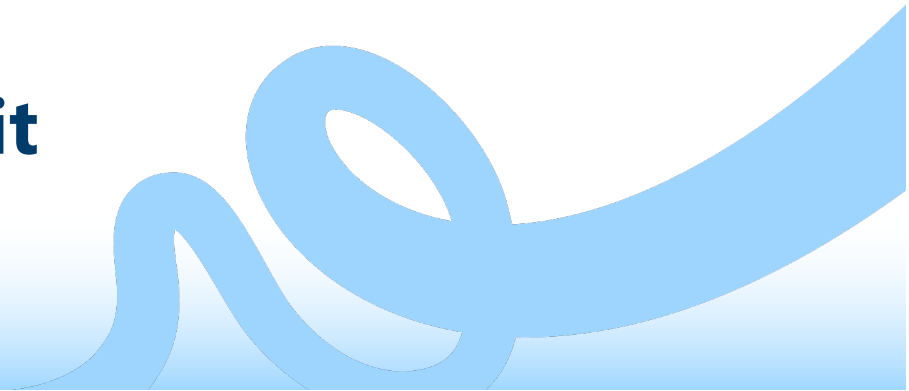
*We learn to do new things
all the time joyfully and
without compulsion*

Think about a time you became passionate about learning something.



What first captured your interest?

What kept you going when it became difficult?



*Learning is not a
single event. It is a
journey.*

Agenda

Joyful learning

McRel framework

Systemwide scaling

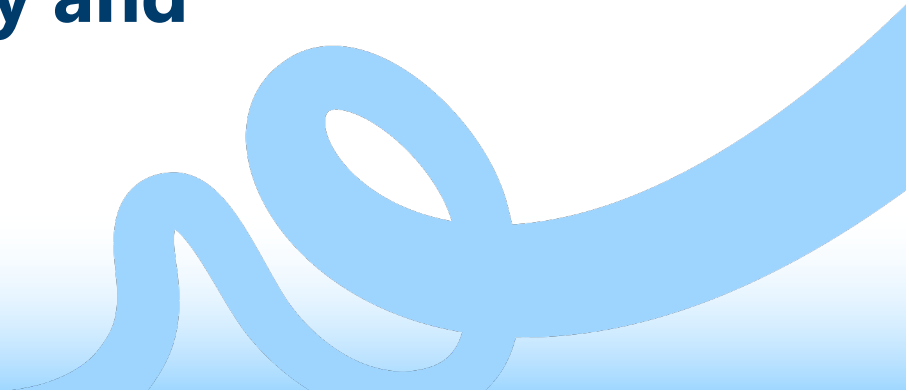
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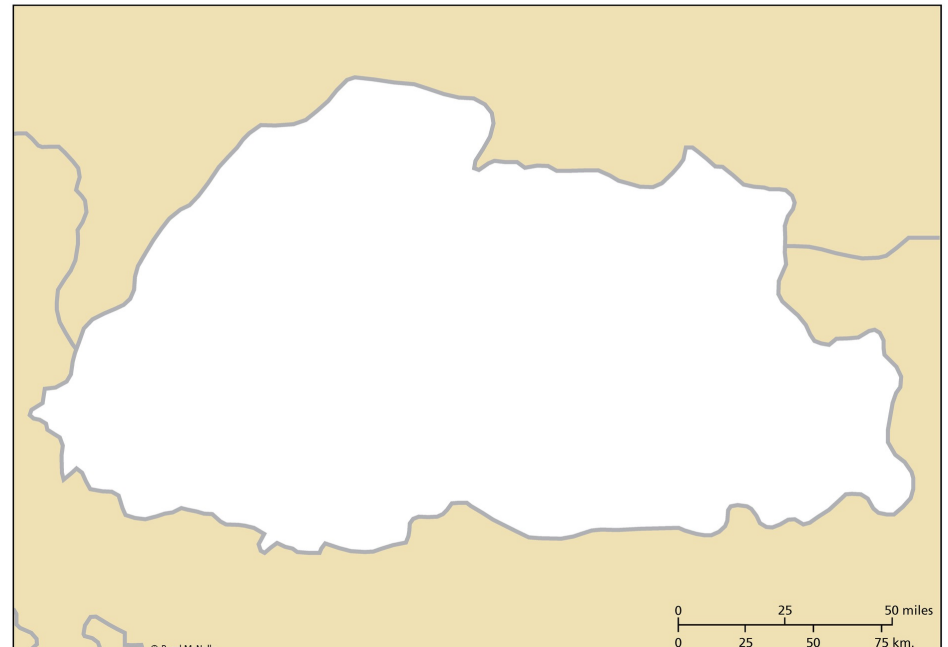
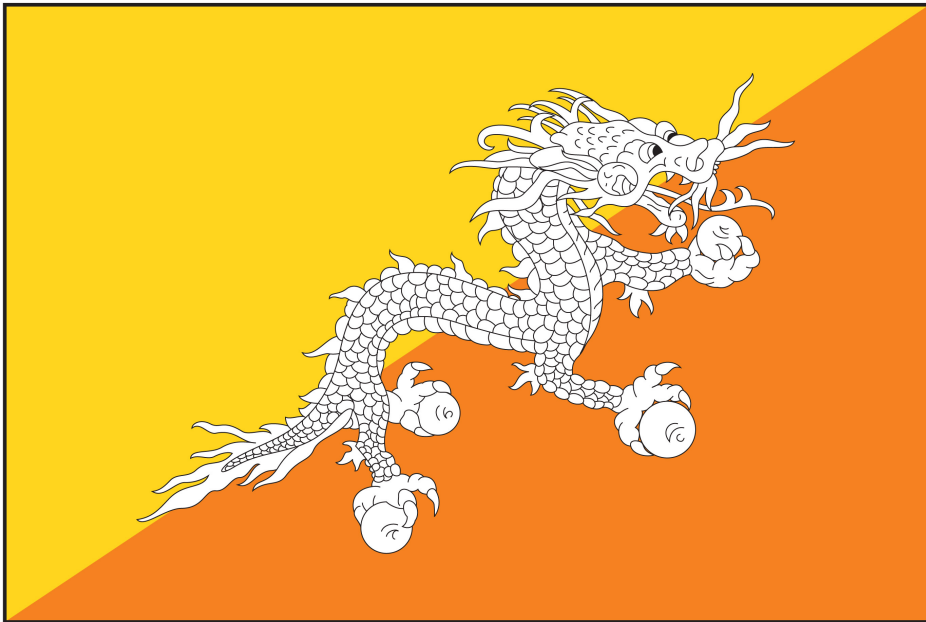
Phase 1: Become *Interested*

Key Question: Why should I care

Purpose: Generate curiosity and emotional engagement.



Can You Guess My 2-1- 4? - Images





Can You Guess My 2-1-4?

Tourism banned until 1974

Television and internet banned until 1999

Held its first elections in 2008

Measures country's value in Gross
National Happiness (GNH) not Gross
Domestic Product (GDP)



Strategies

- Phenomena
- Stories
- Surprising statistics
- Demonstrations
- Provocative questions

Teaching Tips

- Pose questions
- Use curiosity hooks
- Help students make relevant connections

Phase 2: *Commit* to learning

Key Question: Is it worth my effort?

Purpose: Build ownership and relevance.



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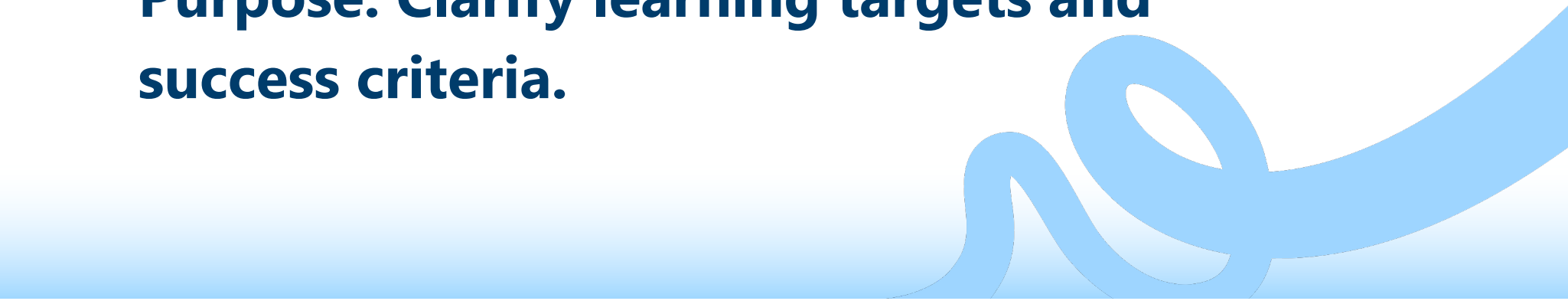
- Goal setting
- Personal connections
- WIIFM
- Choice
- Real-world relevance



Phase 3: *Focus* on Learning

Key Question: What am I trying to learn?

Purpose: Clarify learning targets and success criteria.

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Inquiry Chart: Skills

Comparing & contrasting

Identifying key ideas

Researching

Thinking critically

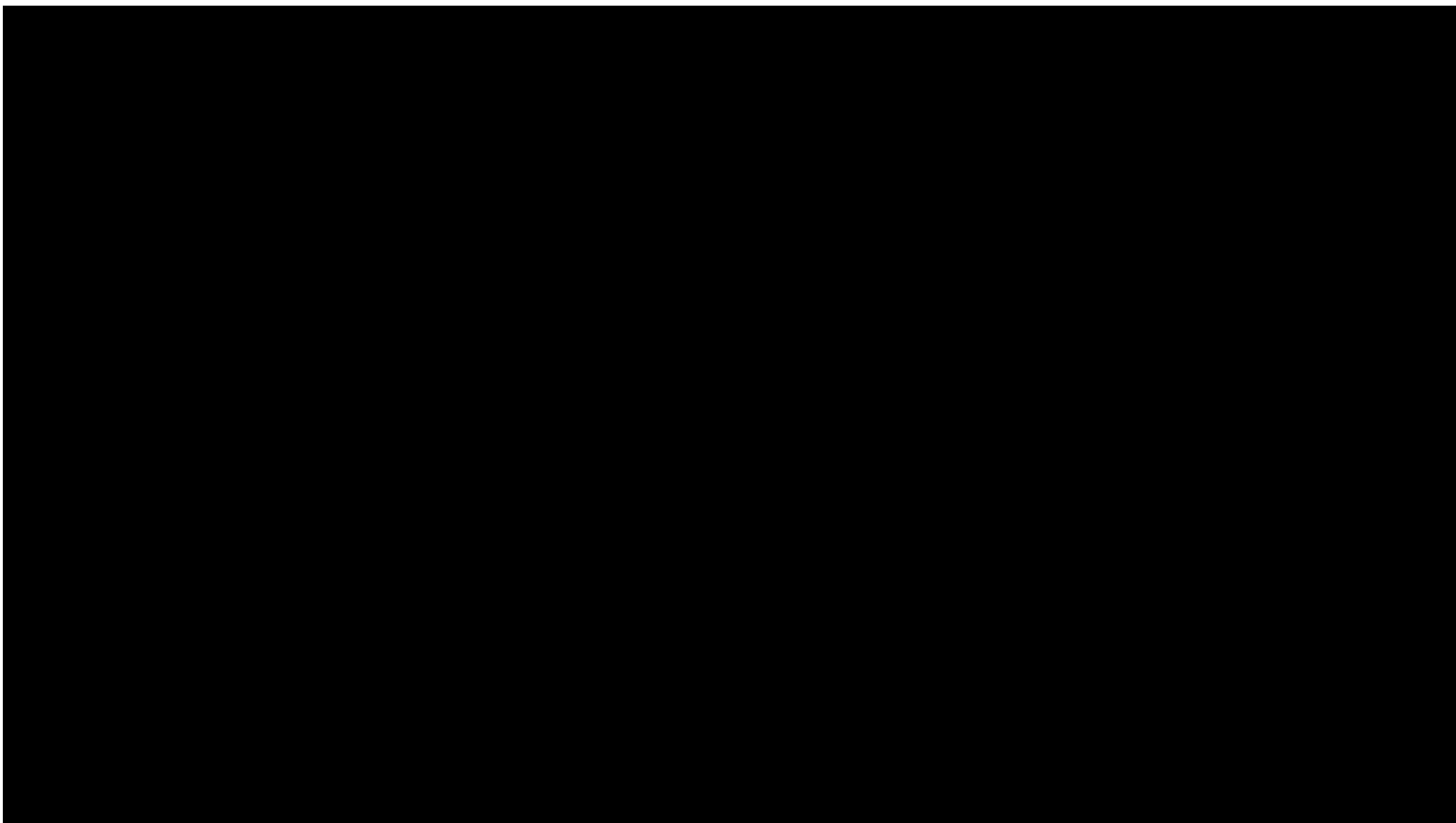
Synthesizing information

Summarizing

Topic:					
	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Other Important Information	New Questions
Source 1					
Source 2					

Inquiry Chart

Topic: Bhutan					
	What kinds of conflicts can exist between modern culture and tradition in a society?	In what ways can technology and modernization impact the preservation of cultural traditions?	What are some cultural traditions among young people that transcend geographic boundaries?	Other important information	New Questions
Video #1					
Video #2					
Video #3					



Strategies

- Learning intentions
- Success criteria
- Essential questions
- Explicit instruction
- Clear models

Phase 4: *Make Sense* of Learning

Key Question: What does this mean?

Purpose: Construct understanding



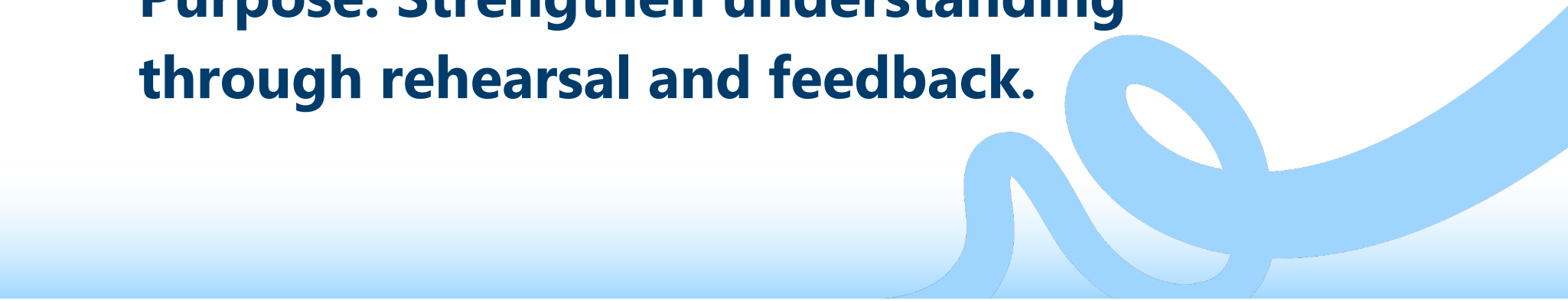
Strategies

- Discussion
- Graphic organizers
- Comparing and contrasting
- Reading and research
- Concept mapping

Phase 5 : *Practice & Reflect*

Key Question: How am I doing?

Purpose: Strengthen understanding through rehearsal and feedback.



Strategies

- Retrieval practice
- Peer feedback
- Reflection
- Revision
- Discussion protocols

Phase 6 : *Extend & Apply*

Key Question: How can I use this learning?

Purpose: Transfer learning to authentic contexts.



Strategies

- Projects
- Problem solving
- Design challenges
- Presentations
- Service learning

Which phase is strongest in your instruction?

Which phase needs the most attention?



*How do you scale this
systemwide?*

Instructional Components of a Systemwide Model

Shared learning principles

Curriculum coherence

Tool alignment

Instructional routines

Coaching and professional learning

Evidence of impact



What's ONE strategy from today that you plan to share, investigate or implement?



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Join Bryan Goodwin, CEO of McREL Institute, and Stephanie Workman-Bolden, SVP of Partner Success at Discovery Education, for a practical session designed to help districts turn summer planning into stronger instruction this fall.

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Wednesday, July 8

1:00 PM ET | 10:00 AM PT

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Session Schedule



Sunday, June 28

11:30 AM – 12:20 PM

Igniting Future Pathways:
Bringing Careers to Life with Free,
Real-World Learning



1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

AI in the Classroom: Practical Tools,
Smart Workflows, Future-Ready
Teaching Strategies

IBM SkillsBuild

Monday, June 29

8:00 AM – 8:50 AM

Igniting Innovators Breakfast:
Real World STEM Problem Solving
with 3M Young Scientists



9:30 AM – 10:20 AM

Beyond the Prompt: How AI Is
Transforming Student Creativity
and Engagement

10:30 AM - 11:20 AM

From Compliance to Curiosity:
Digital Citizenship in 2026



IBM SkillsBuild

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

Pathways to Possibility Playground:
Career Readiness for All Students



3:00 PM – 3:50 PM

From Curiosity to Citizenship:
Building Civic-Minded Learners
Through Inquiry & 3D Modeling

Tuesday, June 30

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

Cracking the Literacy Code:
Teaching Students to Read, Write
& Think Across Subjects



11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

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Model That Makes Learning Stick

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

From Telling to Thinking: Disrupting
Math Instruction That Doesn't Work

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM

Valuable Screen Time!
How Industry Partnerships Bring
the World to Students



Wednesday, July 1

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

Hands-On Tech &
Career Skill-Building



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