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Keynote

Five Paths of Student Engagement – Positive Ways Forward Beyond the Pandemic

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Engagement is the new frontier of student achievement. Across the world, between a third and a quarter of students say they are bored. In secondary schools, similar proportions say they have no meaning or purpose in life. But there's more to getting students' engaged than just battling boredom by trying harder, or using our imaginations as educators.

This keynote identifies five forms of disengagement and looks at how to defeat them. The truth is that when it comes to disengagement, we - teachers, leaders, policymakers and university professors – too often are part of the problem. But the good news is that the COVID-19 pandemic has compelled all of us to look more closely at what have been doing and to create new paths of student engagement. In this dynamic keynote address you will learn just what those five paths are and how to make the most of them in practical ways that you can start using in your schools and systems immediately.

For further information as to the Five Paths of Student Engagement by Dennis Shirley and Andy Hargreaves, click <u>here</u>.