# EMPOWERING EDUCATORS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



#### SOLUTION

DMR Coaching & Consulting recognizes teacher burnout's detrimental impact on personal and professional lives. Our mission is to tackle this pressing problem by offering comprehensive frameworks that focus on building resilient mindsets, teaching effective stress management techniques, and fostering positive work-life balance for educators. By incorporating movement, mindfulness, and mindset strategies, we aim to enhance teachers' overall well-being and job satisfaction, creating a more conducive and fulfilling educational environment for everyone involved.

#### PROBLEM

Your teachers want to quit. Teacher burnout is a critical issue in the United States, with a staggering 44% of K-12 teachers reporting frequent feelings of burnout, the highest rate among all professions (Gallup Poll on Occupational Burnout, 2022). This alarming situation is driven by factors such as excessive workloads, stressful working conditions, and a lack of support, leaving teachers emotionally drained, detached from their students. and dissatisfied with their jobs.

#### CONSEQUENCES

The consequences of this burnout epidemic are far-reaching. If left unaddressed, it could lead to a mass exodus of teachers from the profession, adversely affecting their physical and mental health, reducing job satisfaction, and compromising instruction quality. Furthermore, students' academic achievement may suffer, behavioral problems could escalate, and motivation levels may plummet (Research.com, 2022).



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# OUR FRAMEWORK







#### tier one - <u>silver\_level</u> MOVEMENT

The mind-body connection refers to the intricate relationship between our thoughts, emotions, and mental state and how they influence the functioning of our physical body. \*Online Beginners Yoga Course

#### tier two - <u>gold level</u> MINDFULNESS

Movement can effectively reduce teacher burnout by promoting physical and mental well-being, reducing stress, and enhancing overall job satisfaction.

"Workplace Wellness Program"

# tier three - <u>platinumm level</u> MINDSET

Mindset coaching can be a valuable resource in reducing teacher burnout by addressing the underlying beliefs, attitudes, and thought patterns that contribute to stress and exhaustion. "Group Coaching Sessions"



## MOVEMENT

We support our client organizations by conducting a thorough needs assessment within the organization to understand the employees' specific health and well-being needs. Based on the needs assessment, we design a comprehensive workplace wellness program that addresses the identified areas of concern. If necessary, we will launch the workplace wellness program in a phased approach, starting with pilot initiatives.

# MINDFULNESS

We will obtain support and commitment from top leadership to ensure the success and sustainability of the workplace wellness program. We will develop a communication strategy to promote the workplace wellness program and encourage employee participation. An introduction of incentives to motivate employees to participate actively in the workplace wellness program will be available.

## 3 MINDFULNESS

We will incorporate team-building elements into the workplace wellness program to foster camaraderie among employees. We will regularly solicit feedback from employees through surveys and focus groups to understand their experiences and suggestions for improvement. And finally, we will recognize and celebrate the achievements of employees who actively engage in the workplace wellness program.

# AWAKENING JOY IN EDUCATION

## ΜΟΥΕΜΕΝΤ

Incorporating regular movement into a teacher's routine offers several benefits that can help prevent and alleviate burnout:

- Stress Reduction: Physical activity, such as exercise or movement breaks, triggers the release of endorphins, which are natural mood boosters.
- Increased Energy and Vitality: Regular movement helps improve blood circulation and oxygen flow throughout the body, which can result in increased energy levels and greater vitality.
- Enhanced Resilience: Movement can contribute to greater emotional resilience, allowing teachers to cope better with challenging situations and recover from setbacks more effectively.
- Mind-Body Connection: Movement practices like yoga or tai chi promote a strong mind-body connection, helping teachers become more aware of their physical sensations and emotional states.
- Break from Mental Overload: Teaching often involves intense cognitive demands, planning, and problem-solving.
- Social Connection: Group physical activities or exercises can foster a sense of community and social connection among teachers.
- Role Modeling for Students: Demonstrating the importance of physical activity to students can encourage them to adopt healthy habits.

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# AWAKENING JOY IN EDUCATION

## MINDFULNESS

Mindfulness is the practice of being fully present in the moment, non-judgmentally observing thoughts and feelings. Here's how mindfulness can be beneficial for teachers:

- Stress Reduction: Mindfulness practices, such as deep breathing exercises and meditation, activate the body's relaxation response, reducing stress hormones like cortisol.
- Emotional Regulation: Mindfulness helps teachers become more aware of their emotions and reactions, allowing them to respond to challenging situations more calmly and objectively.
- Increased Resilience: Mindfulness enhances resilience, the ability to bounce back from challenges.
- Enhanced Focus and Concentration: Mindfulness practices improve attention and focus, which can lead to increased productivity and efficiency in the classroom.
- Improved Interactions: Mindful awareness allows teachers to be more attentive and empathetic to their students' needs and concerns.
- Self-Care and Well-Being: Mindfulness encourages self-care and self-compassion.
- Mindful Planning: Integrating mindfulness into lesson planning and classroom management can lead to more intentional and effective teaching strategies.

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# AWAKENING JOY IN EDUCATION

## MINDSET

Mindset coaching can be a valuable resource in reducing teacher burnout by addressing the underlying beliefs, attitudes, and thought patterns that contribute to stress and exhaustion. Here's how mindset coaching can help teachers:

- Self-Awareness: Mindset coaching encourages teachers to become more aware of their thoughts, emotions, and reactions to challenging situations.
- Stress Management: Mindset coaching equips teachers with effective stress management techniques and coping strategies.
- Growth Mindset: Mindset coaching fosters a growth mindset, emphasizing the belief that dedication and hard work can develop abilities and intelligence.
- Reframing Perspectives: Mindset coaching helps teachers reframe negative situations and see them more constructively.
- Goal Setting and Prioritization: Mindset coaching assists teachers in setting realistic goals and priorities, allowing them to focus their efforts on meaningful tasks and avoid overwhelm.
- Work-Life Balance: Mindset coaching encourages teachers to establish boundaries and prioritize self-care.
- Building Support Networks: Mindset coaching can help teachers identify and strengthen their support networks, both within the school community and outside of it.
- Accountability and Growth: Mindset coaching provides a supportive and accountable environment for teachers to work towards personal and professional growth.

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# PLANNING PROCESS



#### STEP ONE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Conduct a thorough needs assessment within the organization to understand the employees' specific health and well-being needs. Gather data through surveys, focus groups, and health assessments to identify the key areas for improvement.

### step two PROGRAM DESIGN

Based on the needs assessment, design a comprehensive workplace wellness program that addresses the identified areas of concern. The program will align with the district's motivations, focusing on employee health, productivity, cost reduction, retention, and positive company culture.



## STEP THREE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Launch the workplace wellness program in a phased approach, starting with pilot initiatives if necessary. Offer various wellness services and activities, such as fitness classes, stress management workshops, healthy eating programs, and mental health resources.



#### STEP FOUR LEADERSHIP BUY-IN AND SUPPORT

Obtain support and commitment from top leadership to ensure the success and sustainability of the workplace wellness program. Leaders should actively participate and encourage employees to engage in the program.

# STEP FIVE COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Develop a communication strategy to promote the workplace wellness program and encourage employee participation. Use various channels like emails, posters, intranet, and town hall meetings to keep employees informed and engaged.

## STEP SIX EMPLOYEE INCENTIVES

Introduce incentives to motivate employees to participate actively in the workplace wellness program. This could include rewards for achieving wellness goals, recognition for participation, or opportunities for team-based challenges.



## STEP SEVEN COLLABORATION AND TEAM BUILDING

Incorporate team-building elements into the workplace wellness program to foster camaraderie among employees. Encourage participation in group activities and challenges that promote teamwork and collaboration.

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#### STEP EIGHT CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Regularly solicit feedback from employees through surveys and focus groups to understand their experiences and suggestions for improvement. Use this feedback to make continuous enhancements to the workplace wellness program.



#### STEP NINE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT & RECOGNITION

Recognize and celebrate employees' achievements who actively engage in the workplace wellness program. Acknowledge individuals and teams that demonstrate commitment to their health and well-being.

## step ten IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Conduct periodic impact assessments to measure the long-term effects of the workplace wellness program. Analyze the program's impact on employee health, job satisfaction, productivity, and company culture.



## TESTIMONIAL

"Ms. Dawn Rivers provided one of the most engaging and uplifting yoga presentations I have experienced thus far. Not only did she compliment others by adding her essence and natural spirit into the yoga movements she performed with the audience, but she exemplified the importance of self-care to them, as well. Ms. Rivers was easily embraced by the audience, and her presentation left the entire room feeling refreshed and renewed."

-Tammi Lampkin, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Conference







# DMR COACHING & CONSULTING

#### OUR COMMITMENT

DMR Coaching & Consulting is committed to addressing the widespread problem of educator burnout. We provide comprehensive frameworks that help educators develop resilient mindsets, effective stress management techniques, and positive work-life balance. We incorporate movement, mindfulness, and mindset techniques to improve educators' overall well-being and job satisfaction.

#### OUR MISSION

To empower educators to thrive by providing comprehensive frameworks that build resilient mindsets, teach effective stress management techniques, and foster positive work-life balance.

#### COACHING GOALS

- Increase the number of educators who have a resilient mindset by 20% by the end of the school year.
- Increase the number of educators who use effective stress management techniques by 15%.
- Foster positive work-life balance for 50% of educators by the end of 2023.
- Develop a comprehensive framework for addressing educator burnout.

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#### YOGI, MINDSET COACH & EDUCATIONAL CONSULT

#### **Results**:

- Successfully trained and certified 24 yoga teachers.
- Imparted mindfulness, meditation, and mindset tools to over 5,000 individuals.
- Conducted coaching sessions for dozens of clients, utilizing mindfulness and mindset techniques to drive personal and business success.
- Organized and facilitated local, regional, and international retreats, leveraging mindfulness and mindset strategies.

#### Experience:

- Accumulated 20 years of valuable experience as a PreK-12 school librarian, fostering a deep understanding of educational settings and student needs.
- Acquired a decade of expertise as a 500-hour registered yoga teacher and four years of owning a thriving yoga studio.
- Led movement, mindfulness, and meditation instruction for thousands of children across diverse educational environments, including major metropolitan city districts, suburban schools, charter schools, and alternative programs.
- Successfully managed a team of yoga and meditation teachers, guiding them in delivering a proprietary mindfulness curriculum.

#### Skills:

- Proficient in designing impactful and engaging mindfulness programs that leave a lasting impression.
- Exceptional ability to lead dynamic coaching sessions for both groups and individuals, inspiring personal growth and transformation.
- Adept at crafting creative content tailored to client's unique needs and goals.



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