

# TEACHERS WHO PRAY THEORY OF CHANGE

## THE PROBLEM:

The act of teaching is profoundly spiritual. To effectively meet the academic and social-emotional needs of each and every student, teachers must possess a divine skillset--love, joy, patience, diligence, discernment, forgiveness, justice. Yet, teachers receive little to no professional development that speaks to the deep faith and spirituality that is often needed to access and sustain those essential divine qualities.

## THE SOLUTION:

As the demands and expectations put on teachers continue to grow, the support they receive must also grow to be more holistic. Teachers Who Pray (TWP) provides a faith-based approach to professional development that addresses teachers' body, mind, and spirit. TWP applies biblical principles and educational research/best practices to fortify teachers spiritually and help maximize their academic and social-emotional impact on students.

## OUTCOMES

### 1 TEACHERS

Educators who regularly engage with TWP are more likely to be:

- Rated highly effective instructors
- In the education profession longer
- Less stressed/overwhelmed at work
- More satisfied on the job with a higher sense of self-efficacy
- More apt at building strong relationships with students and families

### 2 STUDENTS

Pupils who regularly interact with TWP educators are more likely to:

- Significantly increase their academic achievement and social-emotional wellbeing
- Improve their attendance
- Be more engaged in class/school activities
- Report more positive school experiences that lead to better life outcomes

### 3 FIELD OF EDUCATION

TWP will transform the education sector by:

- Leading the public conversation about how and why faith can improve schooling
- Educating the public on religious liberties in schools and providing accurate applications of the "separation of church and state"
- Influencing policy/policymakers through academic research, data, and stories that demonstrate the impact of faith on learning



EDUCATORS  
OF FAITH

## STRATEGIES

### TEACH

When teachers elect to engage in Christ-centered educational curriculum, coaching, and professional development, they will teach with a deeper consciousness that breeds excellence, creativity, and joy.

TWP's instruction focuses on these five areas:

- Pedagogy/Science of Learning
- Social-Emotional Best Practices
- Family Engagement
- Race/Class Equity and Reconciliation
- Religious Rights in Public School

### PRAY

When teachers pray together at their local schools and collectively as a worldwide body of believers in Jesus Christ, they build a community of support that intensifies their purpose and transforms their practice and school culture.

TWP's prayer network is driven by:

- Local school-based chapters
- Annual prayer guides
- National prayer conference calls
- A global online networking platform

### LEAD

When teachers have faith-inspired success in the classroom, they will use their voice to lead a movement to make the faith community a legitimate, valued partner in the fight to bring excellence and equity to education.

TWP changes education from the inside out by:

- Changing hearts and minds of the public through blogs, podcast, social media
- Publications & speaking engagements
- Networking opportunities
- Influencing policy and policymakers at local, state, and national levels