

Building a Community of Practice

A community of practice grows through making connections among people through shared goals and constructive feedback. An [essential curriculum](#) can be developed by focusing on the kinds of work students will be able to do. Richard Strong and I worked with Ari-Zev Anolic in Mineola, New York on developing a [process](#) for this. [Essential questions](#) are a powerful beginning for each teacher to focus on in the classroom. To track change over time in a networked environment, I worked with the Millburn Township Schools team and Julie Conrad to create a survey of teacher preferences and collaboration, and administrators involvement with the curriculum. We are implementing a Curriculum Commons for the K-12 staff.

