

# Coaching Connections

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## Building a Student-Led Classroom

Here we are in March approaching Spring Break...at this point in the year, your students are fully aware of your classroom expectations, routines and procedures both behaviorally and academically. Your community of learners has been established and functions effectively together. You and your students are getting ready for what is just ahead of us...April and May. Yes, those 2 months at the end of the school year with no short weeks, no holidays and most likely nice weather outside. As we approach these weeks, let's work together to find ways to capitalize on those long, consecutive weeks in order to give our students everything we can as we close out another amazing school year! The end is finally in sight, but we aren't there yet!

As you think about what you'd like to accomplish in April and May, don't forget to pride yourselves in how far you've brought your students so far this year. With that in mind, why not try building a student-led classroom? Your students are ready to be involved in the decisions of what is learned and how. Will you have concerns? Yes! Will you have control? Yes...but so will your students. Give them the opportunities to be decision makers, be problem solvers and make mistakes. Is this something to try in addition to what you are already doing? No...it is just a different method of engaging your students. What will it take? A little student training (which you've done all year) and high expectations (which you already have in place!)

Thanks to the work you've been doing all year, your students are ready for this... The question is...Are you? Try it out with one part of your day and watch as your students and instruction transforms! I'd love to work together with you to create these opportunities in your classroom! Spring is the perfect time to test drive a new strategy that could positively impact your students this year and in years to come!

As always, I would love to work with you on this topic or any others that you are interested in trying or tweaking. Let's get together and work on something you've been waiting to try out!

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