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Building Community Beyond the Classroom

Warm-Up

- ▶ **As a teacher, what is your most memorable (positive or negative) experience trying to connect with your students?**

What are the barriers to building community?

- ▶ **Time**
- ▶ **Workload**
- ▶ **Teacher-Student Ratio**
- ▶ **Rejection**

Why do we need to build community?

- ▶ **Peer Connection**
- ▶ **Teacher-Student Rapport**
- ▶ **Classroom Engagement**
- ▶ **Positive School Experiences**
- ▶ **Virtual to In-Person Transition**

How do you build community in and out of the classroom?

- ▶ **Welcome Email**
- ▶ **First Day Survey**
- ▶ **Share Helpful Resources**
- ▶ **WhatsApp Group**
- ▶ **Class Check-Ins**
- ▶ **Zoom Study Sessions**
- ▶ **Virtual Movie Nights**
- ▶ **Virtual Game Nights**
- ▶ **Last Day Graduate School Q&A; Course Feedback**
- ▶ **Extra Credit Job Market Materials; Course Materials**

Reverse Brainstorming

▶ Discuss

- ▶ What were your least favorite community-building activities as a student?
- ▶ What kind of gestures and/or activities can you do as a teacher to combat those negative experiences?

Thank you!!