Feed-Forward:

DESIGNING

A Formative Assessment System

with Dr. Douglas Fisher

Much like the Mariner in the ancient rime who says “water, water everywhere …” teachers are awash with a resource that isn’t as helpful as might be expected. Most teachers and schools have more assessment data than ever before. There is more information about individual students at teachers’ fingertips than could be imagined a decade ago. But what should school systems do? The solution is two-fold. First, we have to understand the components of a feedback system that impacts student understanding. And second, we have to align the multiple measures that are available to use and create a system of data collection, analysis, and impact that results in higher levels of student achievement.

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