



## African American Achievement Plan Evidence of Progress Monitoring

School District of Indian River County  
#SDIRCStrongerTogether

**Date:** 9/21/2020

**School/Department:** Pelican Island Elementary

**Action Step (number and description):** 2.10 In School Suspension  
District will work with schools to conduct a review of In-School Suspension programs and support school's development of actions to improve outcomes.

**Evidence of Progress Monitoring (Please include narrative/description of the action taken. Where applicable, please include all measurable data.)** PD Training Materials from Culturally Responsive Teaching  
At Pelican Island Elementary, we don't utilize in school suspensions. We use detentions during lunch, recess, or after school as needed. Please see attached training and attendee roster from our Culturally Responsive Teaching PD

**Results of Action Taken:** Currently, there are no suspensions for Pelican Island Elementary.

**Reflection:** We will continue to work on strategies learned from our school wide focus last year during our PD's of Engaging Students with Poverty in Mind and Trauma Informed Care. This is the goal of our PD on Culturally Responsive Practices. We will monitor ODRs to see if this has helped.

















# Mrs. Digiacomo and Mrs. Wentz – Rule #4

Invite People on Your Bus and Share your Vision for the Road Ahead.

- “How important is it for people to build their team with positive people who support them in their endeavors.”
- “This is my vision for our team and our product launch, and this is where my bus is going, and I want to invite you to get on.”
- “There is no better way to get on your bus than telling them where you’re going and asking them to get on.
- “If you don’t clearly communicate your vision of the road ahead, no one will want to travel with you.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXXVg2voCos>

**PELICAN ISLAND ELEMENTARY**  
A SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

**Mission: Inspire Pelicans to SOAR to Success**

**Vision: Empower our Pelicans to make Every Day Earth Day, positively impacting our school, our community, and our world!**

**EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY**

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What Works Best to Optimize Student Learning  
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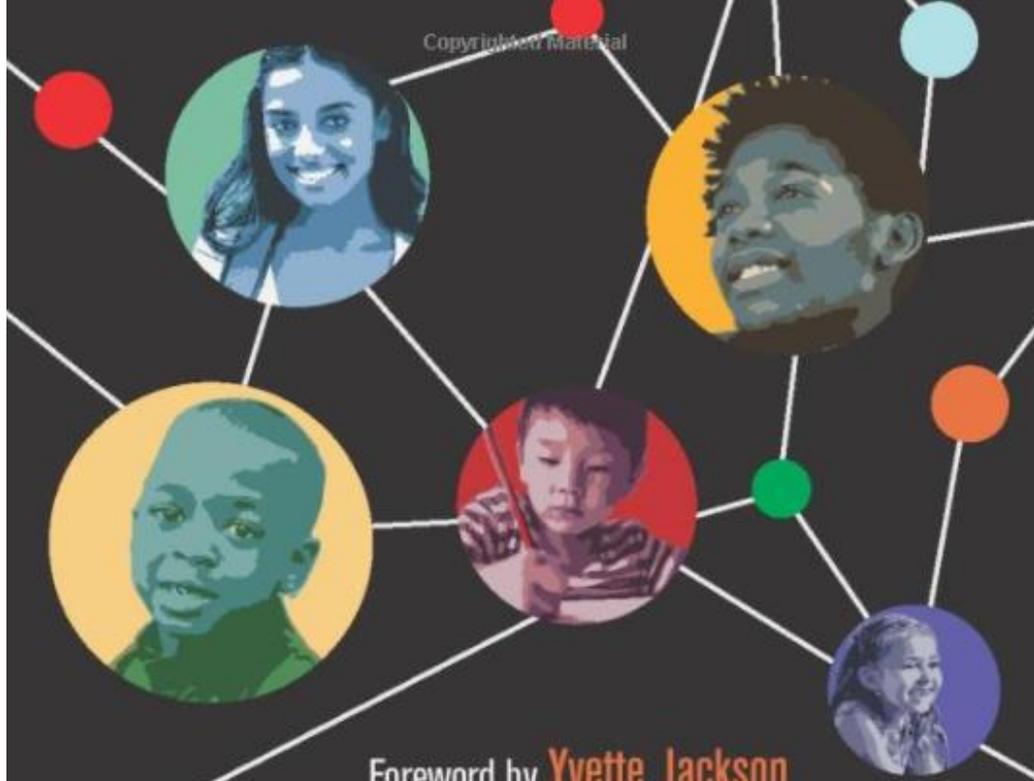
**Standards-Aligned Instruction Equity Diversity Differentiation Culture Climate**

**#WATCHUSGROW**

A young boy with short hair, wearing a blue and yellow life vest, is looking out of a boat window. The background is a bright blue sky and water. The text "EVERY OPPORTUNITY" is overlaid in large white letters on the right side of the image.

**EVERY  
OPPORTUNITY**





Foreword by **Yvette Jackson**

# Culturally Responsive Teaching & **THE BRAIN**

Promoting Authentic Engagement and Rigor  
Among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students

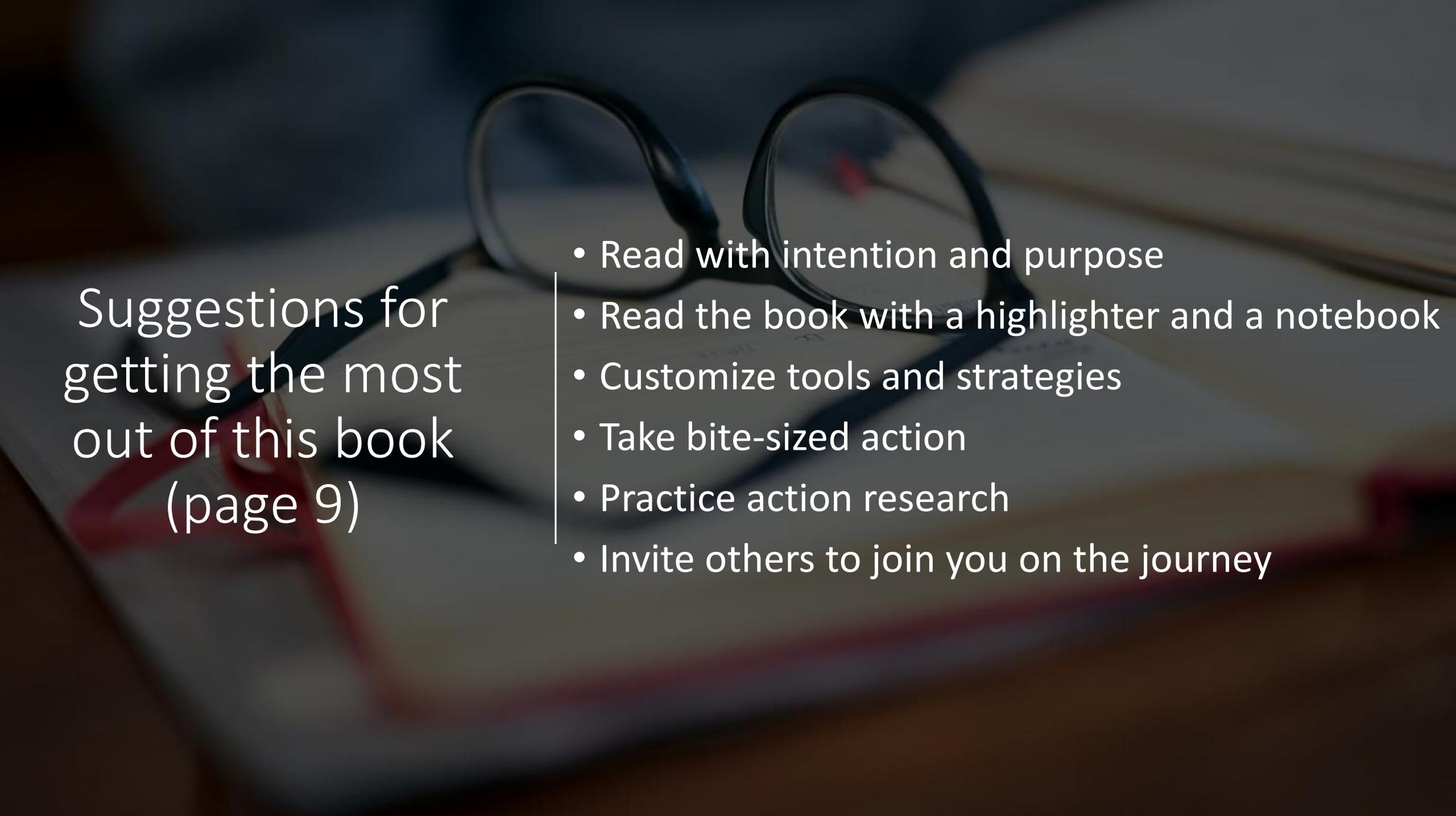
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When we are able to recognize and name a student's learning moves and not mistake culturally different ways of learning and making meaning for intellectual deficits, we are better able to match those moves with a powerful teaching response.



A pair of black-rimmed glasses is positioned over an open book. A red bookmark is visible on the left page. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

Suggestions for  
getting the most  
out of this book  
(page 9)

- Read with intention and purpose
- Read the book with a highlighter and a notebook
- Customize tools and strategies
- Take bite-sized action
- Practice action research
- Invite others to join you on the journey

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Do you know students in these categories? Do you know students who have gone from dependent to independent (or vice versa)?

## Ready for Rigor Framework:

- Awareness (page 17 and 18)
- Learning Partnerships (page 17 and 19)
- Information Processing (page 17 and 19)
- Community of Learners and Learning Environment (page 17 and 19-20)

## Directions:

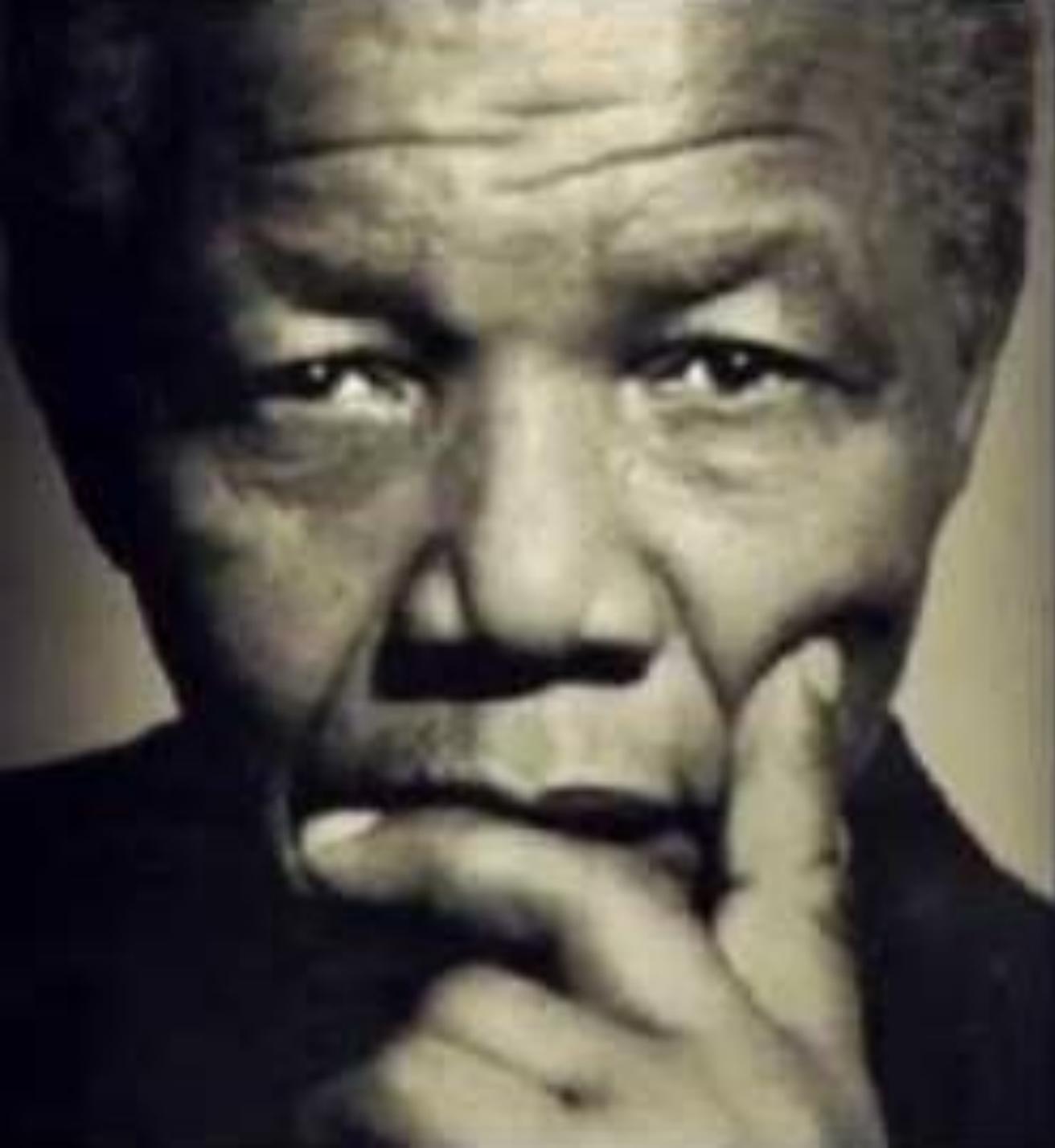
- Connect with your color-coded teammates
- Read your sections two times to master the content
- As a group, draw, define, and make a connection to or elaborate upon your section on the chart paper
- Be prepared to present your component of the Ready for Rigor Framework to the group in 15 minutes

Draw 4 boxes in your PD Notebook, labeling them the following:

- Awareness (page 17 and 18)
- Learning Partnerships (page 17 and 19)
- Information Processing (page 17 and 19)
- Community of Learners and Learning Environment (page 17 and 19-20)


**Directions:**

- During each presentation, summarize the component of the framework



**May  
your choices  
reflect your  
hopes,  
not your  
fears.**

- Nelson Mandela -