TOPIC: Retaining quality teachers directly impacts the trajectory of student achievement. However, despite federal and state initiatives, teacher attrition continues to impact our education system, especially in schools serving high poverty and culturally diverse populations. Empirical research supports the notion that a positive school climate which is welcoming, supportive, and inclusive of all stakeholders increases the level of commitment to the mission and vision of schools.

OBJECTIVES: This session will offer some salient practices for school leaders that can be immediately redelivered in their environments to create and sustain a positive school climate. Attendees from all school levels and district leaders will increase their understanding of culturally responsive practices that lead to a positive school climate. We’ll share insight into the changes we implemented to become a Georgia Family Friendly Partnership School winner.

Participants should bring an electronic device.