

## 2022 DEi Conference promotional video transcript

The DEi Conference has been a highlight of the year. It's been wonderful to see the energy and enthusiasm that people have around global futures, and also getting to talk to people about their understandings of global competence as well.

It's so great to be able to see the work that's actually being done with global competence, and being able to blend it with the work that our teachers are already doing and give the students a seamless experience and an understanding, to be able to go out and live and work and play in this big wide world of ours.

I've heard about student voice and agency. I've heard about building global citizenship through activities and pedagogies, and this really brings it home and makes it real and really validates the work that we're doing in the schools.

So it's been really inspiring, and I think after a long period of time without face to face professional development and conferences, it's been incredible to be back with people again.

It gives that space for us to share ideas, to kind of hit pause on the busyness that happens in schools, and be able to just listen and learn, and leave with some more energy so that we can really just make things as best as they can be for our students.

We covered a lot today in the talk: all the way from robotics, artificial intelligence, biomedical technology. We looked into some of the emerging industries like quantum computing. There's so much that we're moving into, and we've got to guide this next generation coming through to be able to have their positive impact as well. Our roles as educators are more important than ever before.

I think what everyone is coming out with, which is great, is 'move away from fear'. Take on something new, provide students with lots of opportunities, be open-minded, address bias.

What has excited me the most about this conference is really thinking about the beautiful richness and diversity that our nation, and our First Nations communities, bring to the global table, and looking at some of the relationships that we can have with the great work that schools are doing, particularly around how they're leading their diverse communities.

It's never too early to demonstrate and show kids that there is an entire world out there, a world full of opportunity, a world full of people who think differently, do things differently.

It's important to know that our emotions and feelings are still valid, and we still have a voice and that we can also help create a vision towards a brighter future.

I believe it's so important that students should contribute towards the conference and, the students just being there, it's really evidence of how these programs at schools really do bring out those 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. It's definitely working.

So I think it's crucial to be involved in these conferences, to understand the why and the how of these global futures and global competencies, and empower my colleagues back at work and back at school.

They are a small change that can make a really big difference and lead to really positive outcomes for kids.

I would highly recommend this conference to all of my colleagues, not just across the state, across the entire country and internationally. This is a great way to develop your knowledge, to look at new pedagogies, and then get some of those key, hard, concrete strategies and examples that you can take away.