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The Educators' Cooperative
Concludes 14 Month Virtual Teacher Crisis Response,
Prepares for Summer of Continued Support and Growth

From March 2020 through May 2021, The Educators' Cooperative (EdCo) provided hundreds of teachers with hundreds of hours of professional development, community engagement, consistency, and direct support as they worked relentlessly to serve their students and families in the face of crises, uncertainty, inadequate systemic planning & preparation, and under-resourced solutions to unprecedented teaching & learning conditions.

Over the coming weeks EdCo will be releasing program reports which provide insight into the impact, reach, and support made possible, all at no cost to teachers. Highlights include:

- Hundreds of hours of support and moderated workshops
- Collaboration and planning with national leaders, teachers, and scholars
- Direct support for technology implementation and usage in classrooms
- Ongoing, facilitated peer-to-peer support, fostering beyond-school ties
- Cross-sector classroom-based collaboration
- Partnerships with dozens of local nonprofits, professors, artists, & community leaders

Executive Director, Greg O'Loughlin said, "When faced with the question of how to best serve Nashville's teachers, EdCo responded to a clear and urgent need with direct action. We created and provided teachers with the city's only consistent community of support, facilitation, instruction, and professional development required to thrive this year."

In addition to nightly workshops, EdCo provided Nashville teachers with the only series on Antiracist Teaching in the region to support the need for training and engagement in this critical area. Working with national and local leaders, EdCo built a community of accountability and commitment essential to help teachers exercise the discretionary power they have to undo the harm of white supremacy culture as well as the harmful impact of school segregation.

The impact of these efforts has been extraordinary. **Teachers report that EdCo's workshops have had a direct and positive impact on their choice to return to the classroom (teacher retention), on their teaching practices, their connection to the community, and their ability to serve their students.**

Preparations are underway for EdCo's 6th annual Summer Workshop as well as the 3rd annual EdCo Collective Conference: A Celebration of Educator Brilliance (Saturday, July 10). Teachers from public, private, and charter schools, from all over the state of Tennessee will be working together in cohorts to practice innovative collaboration, planning, and assessment protocols as well as sharing details about the work they did this year in classrooms and schools all over the city.

Do not miss upcoming program reports & updates. Stay connected via our website, newsletter, & social media feeds, all accessible at www.educatorscooperative.org

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The Educators' Cooperative is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides a professional learning community for K-12 teachers. Created for teachers, by teachers in 2016, EdCo provides professional development and support for educators to collaborate across sectors, disciplines, and career stages. EdCo aims to revolutionize teacher development and leadership by focusing on the essential agency, autonomy, and common ground all teachers share. EdCo is based in Nashville, Tennessee with a reach far beyond that physical location.