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# Well-Being Wednesdays: Rejuvenating Through Relaxation, Recreation, and Routines

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STRENGTHS-BASED  
AND HOPEFUL

INCLUSIVE AND  
ACCEPTING OF  
DIVERSE CULTURES,  
GENDERS,  
PERSPECTIVES,  
AND EXPERIENCES

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TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE

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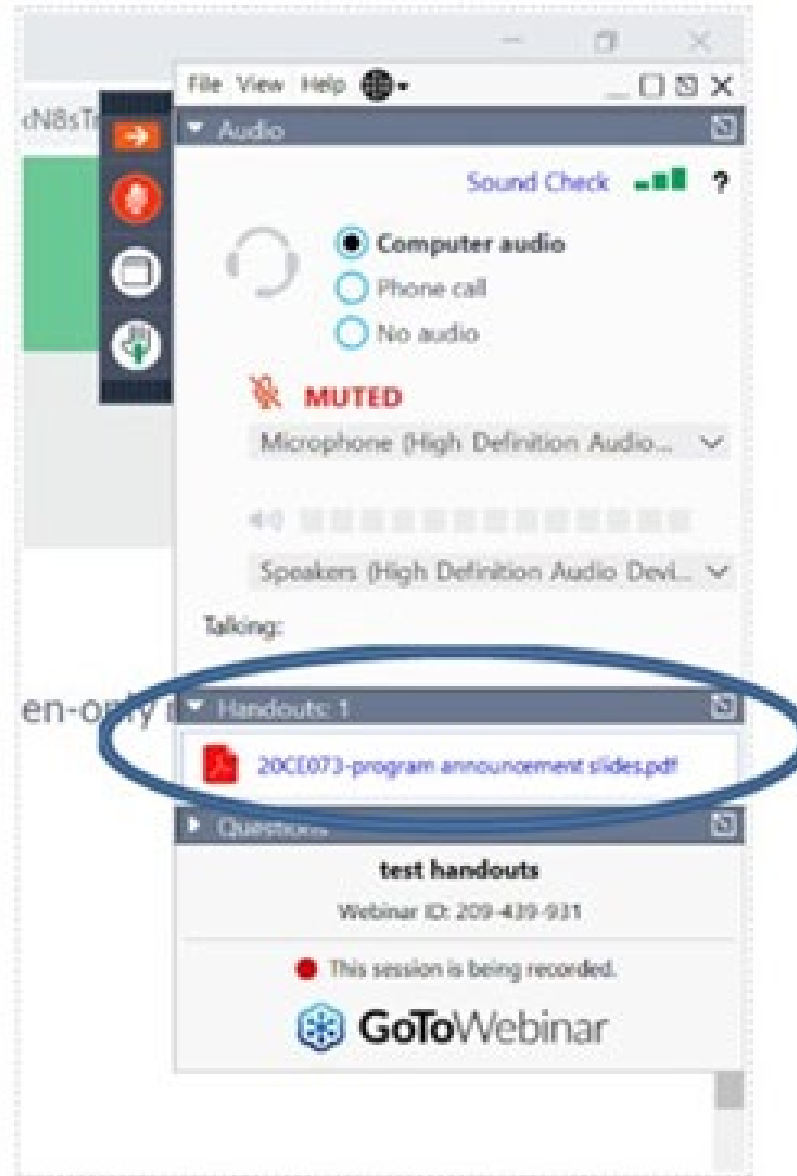
PERSON-FIRST AND  
FREE OF LABELS

NON-JUDGMENTAL AND  
AVOIDING ASSUMPTIONS

RESPECTFUL, CLEAR  
AND UNDERSTANDABLE

CONSISTENT WITH  
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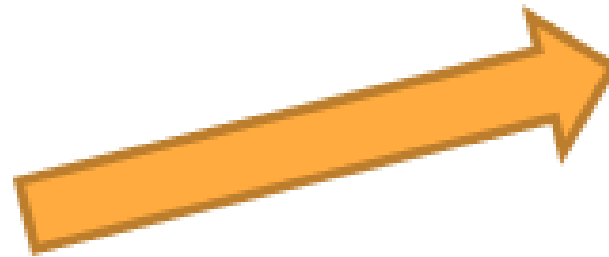
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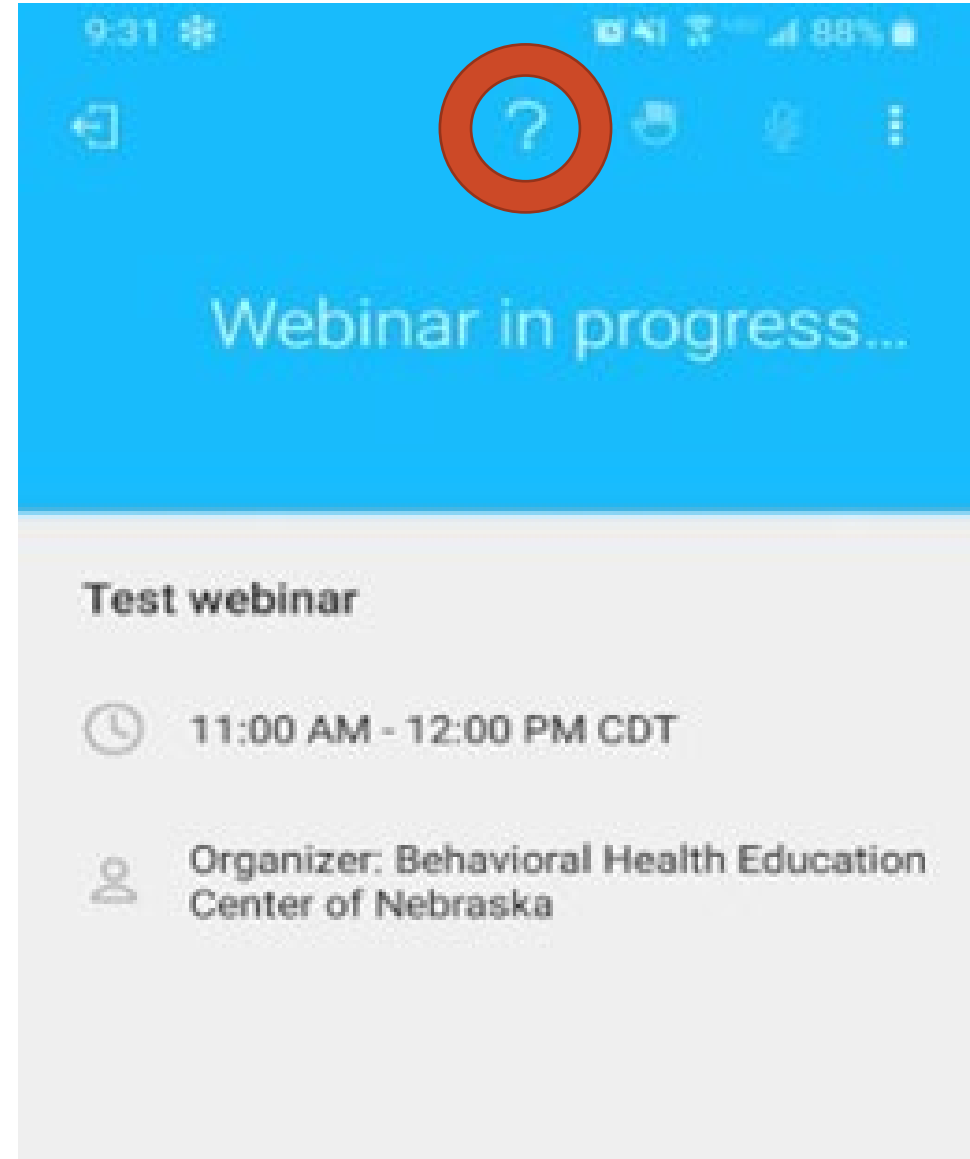
Type it into the  
Questions box,  
and your  
question will  
be read out loud.



# Phone

To ask a question:

Tap the question mark icon to type your question, and your question will be read out loud.



# Evaluation

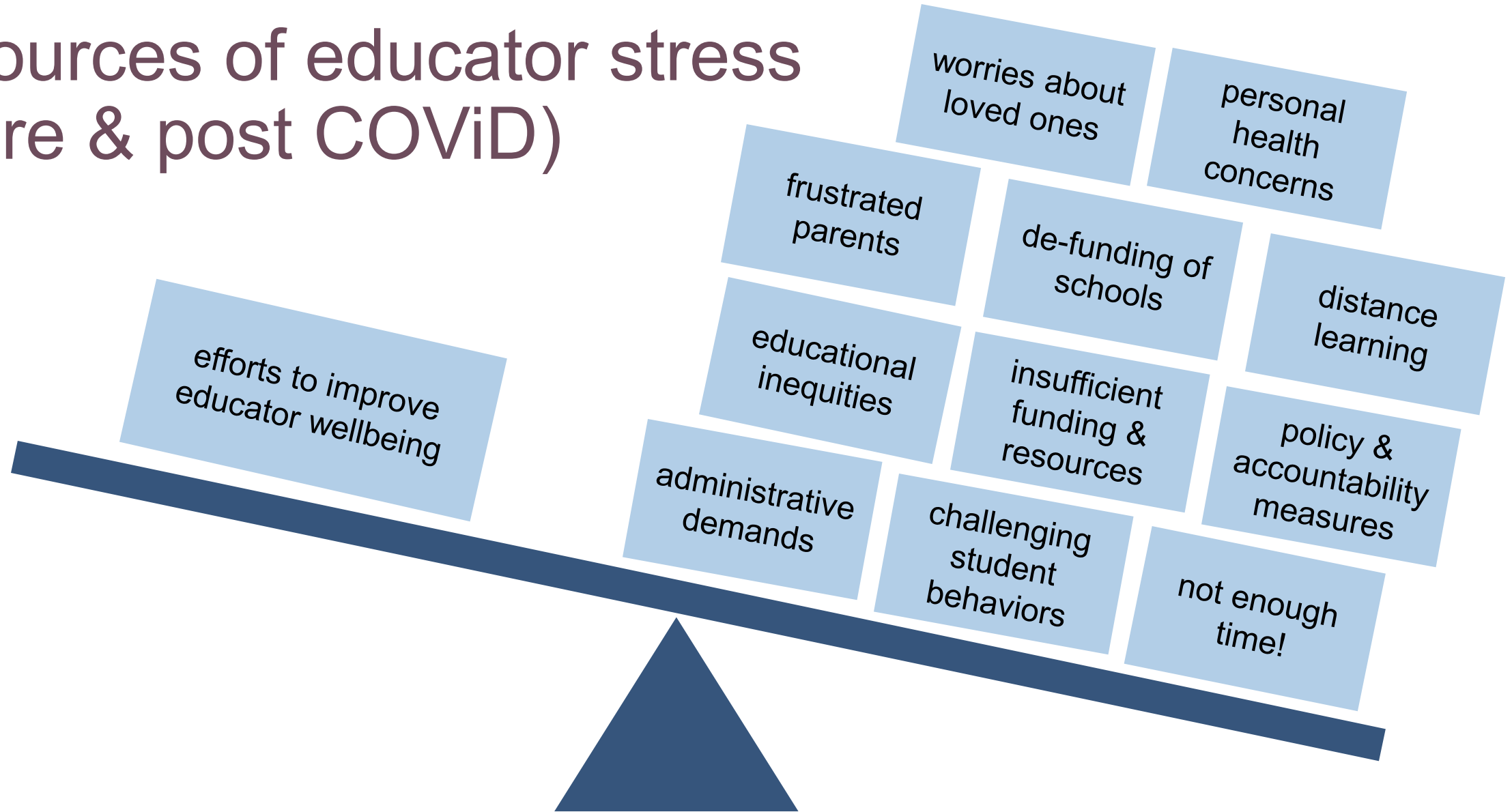
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- To maintain our funding, we are required to get 80% participation.
- We greatly value your feedback and participation in the survey!!






# An Invitation

# Sources of educator stress (pre & post COVID)







# The Adult Resilience Curriculum (ARC)

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# The ARC Modules



1: Understanding the psychobiology of stress and wellbeing  
*(psychoeducation)*



2: Creating safe and supportive environments  
*(context)*



3: Clarifying, aligning with, and committing to one's values  
*(values)*



4: Cultivating awareness through mindfulness-based practices  
*(mindfulness)*



5: Connecting meaningfully with others  
*(connection)*



6: Fostering pleasant emotions and experiences  
*(positivity)*



7: Coping with difficult thoughts, feelings, and experiences  
*(coping)*

8: Feeling good physically through nutrition, movement, & sleep  
*(health)*

9: Rejuvenating through relaxation, recreation, and routines  
*(three R's)*

10: Bringing it all together: A wellness plan for the future  
*(wellness plan)*



If food is feeling stressful,  
then it's not actually  
promoting health.

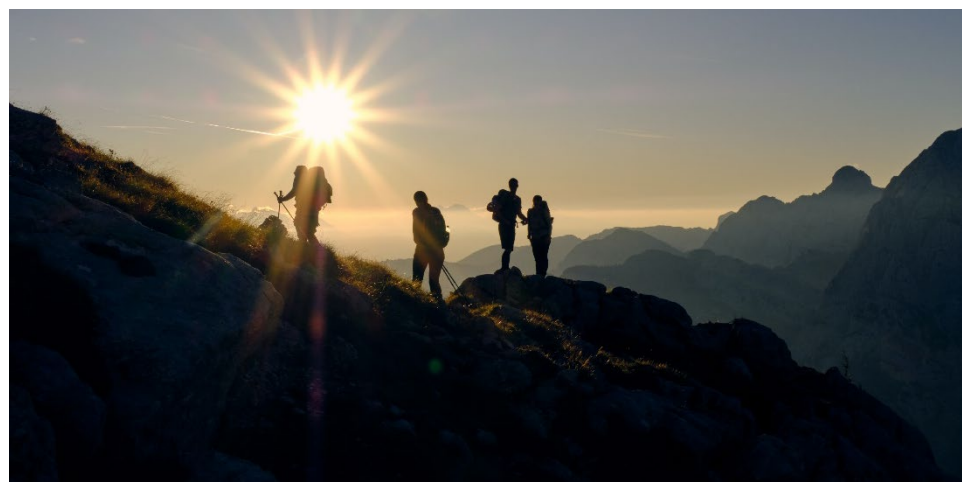
If your thoughts/behaviors  
around food, exercise,  
and/or your body regularly  
consume your thoughts, you  
may consider seeking help.

**Mindful eating** is about making healthy food  
choices from a place of nourishment,  
pleasure, and connection. It's about  
savoring. Mindful eating is also *joyful* and  
*intuitive*.





# Joyful Movement



- ❖ Think outside the box
- ❖ Be willing to experiment
- ❖ Consider free online videos/apps
- ❖ Aim for loose structure
- ❖ Embrace mini-movement
- ❖ Connect it to your values

# Tips for Reminding



1

Get an accountability partner

2

No really. Get an accountability partner(s).

3

Connect everything to a VALUE, not a should. And start with the smallest meaningful action toward that value

4

Use your environment wisely. Spend 30 minutes one day looking at your kitchen, bedroom, closet and determine what signals you can use for reminders

5

For starters, consider putting money down upfront (leveraging biases).

6

Schedule it in.

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**MODULE 9:**  
Rejuvenating Through Relaxation, Recreation, and  
Routines



# Recreation & Leisure

**Recreation**

**Leisure**



# Relaxation

## Potential Activities

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- Yoga --
- Meditation --
- Mindful exercises --
- Massage --
- Passive music listening--
- Sensory experiences --
  - Aromatherapy--
  - Steam rooms--
  - Weighted blankets--

**Relaxation is  
purposeful**





# Routines & Microhabits

The compound interest of your life





What questions do we have at this point?





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