Makerspaces - Customizing Implementation through Personalization

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Description: Risk takers. Explorers. Those with passion, grit, and a “can-do” attitude. These are the teachers and students with the maker mindset who are key to starting successful makerspaces. Because makerspaces are personalized learning environments that look different from one another, this initiative cannot be launched in a one-size-fits-all model. Finding innovative teachers who support tinkering, understand failure as one more iteration towards success, and who readily embrace creativity and collaboration is the first step. Teachers and students will then need time, physical and mental space, and resources to create. Participants will learn how the Dysart Unified School District prioritized choice for students and teachers as an important component of launching makerspaces. Come tinker with us and create a plan for personalizing the implementation of makerspaces in your organization.