INDEPENDENT WORK TIME – SESSION 3

We will reconvene in the Library at 2:50.

FOR TEACHING STAFF select one of the two options below:

- OPTION A: Develop a lesson with a student talk activity that helps build one of the Five Core Academic Conversation Skills.
  - Use the time to develop materials, design activities, adapt rubrics, etc. It may be a “modular” lesson that you could plug in anywhere within the next month or two, or it might be a lesson that builds closely on a specific upcoming topic.

- OPTION B: Develop an outline showing how you plan to provide students with specific practice in the Five Core Academic Conversation Skills over the course of an upcoming unit.
  - Use the time to create an outline (in any format that is meaningful to you) or to expand an already-existing unit outline by including details on where, when, and how the students would work to improve their Core Conversation Skills. Consider points along the unit where certain skills should be bolstered through student talk activities.

FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF select one of the two options below:

- OPTION A: Same as Option A above -- develop a lesson with a student talk activity that helps build one of the Five Core Academic Conversation Skills. The lesson should correspond to your instructional role, even if you have no regular students assigned to you (e.g. a career-focused lesson, an internet research lesson, a goal-setting lesson, etc.)

- OPTION B: Reflect on the following questions and brainstorm ways you might help to improve the Academic Conversation Skills. Develop a specific plan for implementing some of your ideas.
  - How do students talk with me and with each other when I am working with them in my role?
  - What Academic Conversation Skills could they improve through my work with them?
  - How and when might I be able to guide their improvement in those skills?
  - What tools, techniques, or resources would I need to help students improve? How can I access them?
  - What is a realistic timeline for impacting student Conversation Skills this year? How can I make that happen?