Teacher Well-Being and Teacher Stress — April 23, 2018

Co-hosted by UConn’s Collaboratory on School & Children Health and the Neag School of Education, and featuring school psychology expert Dr. Lisa Sanetti
Welcome to our #TeacherStress #TwitterChat! Thx for joining us for tonight’s conversation, feat. schoolpsych expert @DrSanetti & co-hosted by @UConnCSCH.

*Be sure to use hashtag #teacherstress in each of your tweets so we can capture all your great insights.* Let’s get started!

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We're proud to introduce you first to our co-host @UConnCSCH, known as the Collaboratory on #School & Child #Health here @UConn! You can learn more about their work at csch.uconn.edu. #teacherstress

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Also here to give insight into the latest research on #teacherstress & answer your questions is @DrSanetti, associate professor here in our Department of #EdPsych. Find more info on her work at education.uconn.edu/person/lisa-sa…. #edchat #schoolpsychology #employeewellness #mentalhealth
If you haven’t had a chance to watch the @UConnCSCH video feat. @DrSanetti’s talk on #teacherstress & #teacherwellbeing, be sure to bookmark the following link and check it out post-#TwitterChat: youtu.be/0uszD07ce1A

Now let’s turn it over to @UConnCSCH! #teacherstress

Welcome to our #teacherstress #twitterchat! Please remember to start your answer with the question number. For example If you're answering Question 1 (Q1), start your tweet with A1 (Answer 1) to show you're responding to Q1. #teacherstress
We’ll be asking some questions that are for @DrSanetti and some that anyone can answer (and some for both) so feel free to chime in! #teacherstress

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Q1. Let’s get started! Everyone: please take a minute to introduce yourself and why you’re interested in this topic. #teacherstress

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A1. I’m a school psychology professor, mom, wife, and friend. As an applied education researcher, I have seen the negative impact of stress on our educators & their students. #teacherstress

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Hi Everyone, Tori Schilling- 8th grade teacher at Ellington Middle School 😊 #Teacherstress

Seth, preservice teacher, currently studying at Grove City College, excited to learn how to manage stress as a teacher and see how it can apply to me as a college student in relation to field experiences. #teacherstress

Jennifer, Supt in OR, #UCONN alum, & advocate for whole child, whole educator, whole community focus in education #teacherstress
Matthew Barbercheck
@ImposterTeacher

A1 Matthew Barbercheck, Industrial Arts, CAD, Spanish educator interested in reviewing and sharing insights on #teacherstress
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@UConnNeag

Replying to @UConnCSCH
.@UConnCSCH A1. We’re @UConnNeag, the Neag School of Education at #UConn, here to support our fantastic resident expert @DrSanetti & co-host @UConnCSCH, & excited to help facilitate the conversation on #teacherstress!
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Q2. There are many stressful occupations. Why is teacher stress different than the stress from other occupations? #teacherstress
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A2 @UConnCSCH @Gallup poll shows teaching is most stressful occupation. Teachers’ stress can be related to students; about half of whom experience trauma. Teachers can experience Secondary Traumatic Stress: PTSD-like symptoms from knowing about students’ traumas. #teacherstress

Matthew Barbercheck
@ImposterTeacher

A2 Teacher stress is different than other occupations (albeit stress from any one occupation to another is always going to be different) but mainly because we can't leave the battlefield at the school where in most of my other occupations, I could. #teacherstress

Victoria Schilling
@miss_schilling_

As a first year teacher I've had to learn how to set boundaries... I could work 24/7 (some days I work 6am-8pm) but have had to learn to turn work "off" at a certain point, which is very difficult when there is always room for improvement and planning...etc. #teacherstress
Q2. Teachers feel responsible for so much of student's development. Both behavioral and educational growth is expected when in reality only so much can be done and teachers are not parents for their students. #teacherstress

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#Teachers reporting high levels of #stress most days of the week has more than doubled in the past 30 years, says @DrSanetti. In fact, #teacherstress is the *No. 1 reason for the teacher shortage nationwide.* twitter.com/DrSanetti/stat...

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You can download the full @Gallup report, “State of #America’s #Schools,” which talks about #teaching as among today’s most stressful occupations, at gallup.com/services/17876...

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State of America's Schools Report
Gallup's research on student achievement demonstrates the importance of "human" elements such as self-discovery and emotional
gallup.com

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Q2 - Teacher stress is different because everything you do touches young lives. Giving 100% and drawing work-life boundaries can feel like opposing concepts. - Arien, teacher, left field after 5 years #teacherstress

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OEA Choice Trust supports OR public school employees, ESD staff and community college staff with employee wellness programs through grants, an annual conference and free evidence-based resources #teacherstress

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Learn more about Secondary Traumatic Stress at traumaawareschools.org/secondarystress #teacherstress #stress #mentalhealth #education twitter.com/DrSanetti/stat...

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Q3. @DrSanetti: What can you tell us about the difference between stress and burnout? #teacherstress
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Lisa M. H. Sanetti
@DrSanetti

A3. @UConnCSCH We all experience stress; but not burnout. Excessive, chronic stress can lead to burnout; characterized by emotional exhaustion, withdrawal from relationships, development of a negative/cynical attitude, and lack of sense of personal accomplishment. #teacherstress
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Seth Wade
@MrSethWade

A3. Without a little bit of stress and pressure, I won't get anything done. Burnout is when stress gets to the point that one gives up or stops giving their full effort. Definitely an area in teaching that boundaries need to be put in place. #teacherstress
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Re: A3, @DrSanetti, what are some of your suggestions for teachers (&/or school administrators) on how to prevent #burnout? #teacherstress twitter.com/DrSanetti/stat…
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Lisa M. H. Sanetti
@DrSanetti

.@UConnNeag It’s essential to gain knowledge and skills about how to prevent stress (e.g., mindfulness programs) and use active coping (e.g., exercise, social support) to address stress instead of avoidant coping (e.g., substance use, not attending school) #teacherstress
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Q4. What are the consequences/impacts of teacher stress? On teachers and the impact more widely? #teacherstress
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A4 @UConnCSCH For teachers: increased physical & psych health problems, less effective teaching and interacting with students, less engaged at work. Students do poorer academically. Stress is the #1 reason teachers leave the field; has a $7B economic impact/yr. #teacherstress
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Matthew Barbercheck @ImposterTeacher
A4 The consequences of teacher stress is diminished performance by teacher = diminished performance by student. OR they handle it so well they realize they are underpaid and capable of higher paying jobs and leave the profession. #teacherstress
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Seth Wade @MrSethWade
A4. If the stress from teaching in the classrooms pours over into other areas of life, you will lose the things that once sustained you. Important to not make too many sacrifices outside of school for the sake of your class. #teacherstress
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Q4. Consequences: teachers less present, less able to self-regulate and bring their best self to work. Teacher well-being impacts student learning, classroom environment. #teacherstress

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Emily Anna Cipriano @mscipteaches6th

@UconnCSCH What advice do you have for first year teachers? What are some ways that we can begin to develop plans and methods that keep us from burning out and being enveloped by #teacherstress? twitter.com/UConnNeag/stat…

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Lisa M. H. Sanetti @DrSanetti

@mscipteaches6th @UConnCSCH one of the best strategies for 1st yr teachers is having a mentor. Find a mentor who you like, who knows the school and field well. S/he can provide support with students, support with your work and social support—which is vital #teacherstress

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Seth Wade
@MrSethWade
Replying to @DrSanetti and 2 others
This is also great advice for myself as a preservice teacher! Mentorship is key. #teacherstress
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Matthew Barbercheck
@ImposterTeacher
Replying to @DrSanetti and 2 others
Some mentors can be found through social media if you think your building is dry. In fact my mentors via social media are becoming more impactful to my practice than my in person mentors.
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Replying to @ImposterTeacher and 3 others
Very interesting. Behind every social media account is a real person — and a potential mentor! #teacherstress
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Loving this #twitterchat right now on #teacherstress with @UConnNeag twitter.com/oeachoicetrust…  
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@DrSanetti: can you tell us about some ways that we can focus on the whole teacher and teacher well-being? What does the research tell us about what works? #teacherstress  
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A5. @UConnCSCH Approaches include: mentoring programs, wellness programs, teaching stress management skills. Also important: school climate, teacher voice, autonomy. Stressors are different across schools; need to identify stressors and use resources efficiently. #teacherstress  
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Building support systems for your social, emotional, physical and financial well-being in Year 1 can set healthy precedents for your career as an educator. Caring for yourself as a whole person will help you be the best teacher you can be. #teacherstress

twitter.com/MrSethWade/sta…

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Lisa M. H. Sanetti
@DrSanetti

Replying to @oeachoicetrust
.@oeachoicetrust Yes! Setting good routines during early career will be helpful to maintaining the routines over time!

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Q6. Back to our #Twitterchat participants: What are some things YOUR school or district has done to decrease teacher stress/promote teacher well-being? #teacherstress

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Some OR schools are using @Headspace's free Headspace for Teachers program: headspace.com/philanthropy Can be used individually or at meetings for mindful moments #teacherstress

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To improve the health and happiness of the world, Headspace is involved in a variety of programs and partnerships both in our own backyard and headspace.com

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A6 Grantees have arranged classes like Zumba and yoga after school. Others created school gardens to have healthy produce available! Some have Wellness Wednesdays or kick off meetings with a walk or mindfulness activity. #teacherstress

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Lisa M. H. Sanetti
@DrSanetti

Replying to @oeachoicetrust
@oeachoicetrust Incorporating wellness into regularly scheduled meetings is a great way to promote self-care among all staff and demonstrate that educator wellbeing is valued by administrators! #teacherstress

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A6: We have an amazing district wide wellness program & @PantherStomp HS staff is one of two HS in the state focusing on Trauma Informed practices to support students & teachers! #teacherstress
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I feel that I'm more upset about students' grades than they are. I know their grades are not their potential, but without effort, their potential lies dormant. #teacherstress
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A6 Our school is pretty small and low stress. I think we all have our unofficial stress buddies in our k-12 staff of 14. #teacherstress
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ICYMI ...

Save this link for later so that you can check out @DrSanetti’s video on #teacherstress & #teacherwellbeing:
youtu.be/0uszD07ce1A
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FWIW: During #TeacherAppreciationWeek each year, @UConnNeag stops at a few local partner schools to drop off cookies & thank teachers for doing incredible work. There’s always room for more ideas on this front!
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We should mention, too, that for our latest @UConnNeag #teachered alumni, we periodically hold #PD sessions to offer guidance specifically for first- & second-year #teachers. #teacherstress twitter.com/UConnCSCH/stat…

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Q7. What are some things that you would like your school or district to do promote teacher well-being that they currently do NOT do? #teacherstress

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This is such an important topic that I feel like not many people discuss, I know as teachers we spend so much of our time and energy caring for our students but perhaps we need to spend more time caring for ourselves as well! #teacherstress #bestself twitter.com/UConnNeag/stat…

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This is why I LOVE social media because we can bridge connections with teachers across the globe & expand our minds and enhance our opportunities for mentorship.

#teacherstress #teacherlife #mentorship #firstyearteacher

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@oeachoicetrust Sure. Happy to share resources. Message me and I can pull together the resources you are interested in!

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Q9. Let’s wrap up on a positive note: in her CSCH Live Talk video, @DrSanetti talks about favorite teachers and the qualities of favorite teachers. Who was your favorite teacher and why?

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@UConnCSCH Ms. Christa Goldsmith—best 4th grade teacher. EVER. #teacherstress

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Lots of amazing teachers on our minds — Mrs. Walsh shared a love of #reading; Mr Maglio shared a love of #math; Mr. Ford shared a look into the intersection of #art, #literature, & more #teacherstress

That’s a wrap! Thank you so much for participating in our #teacherstress #twitterchat Thank you especially to our co-host @UConnNeag and to our guest, @DrSanetti! #teacherstress

A big THANK YOU to ALL our participants, esp. @DrSanetti & our co-host 👏👏👏@UConnCSCH! You were all fabulous! What a great discussion. Please stay tuned for a wrap-up of the chat in the coming days. #teacherstress twitter.com/UConnCSCH/stat…
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