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JIM SPORLEDER KEYNOTE SPEAKER – MONDAY, JULY 27



As principal of Lincoln High School in Walla Walla, Washington, Jim Sporleder is credited with helping change the culture of the alternative school. Lincoln has gained national attention as a “trauma-informed” school.

Under Sporleder’s leadership, Lincoln built its framework around caring adult relationships with specific strategies on how to work with students who live with toxic stress from poverty, substance abuse, physical abuse and neglect. During the first year of implementation of its trauma-informed approach, Lincoln experienced an 85 percent reduction in out-of-school suspension days.

After three decades as a teacher and school leader, Sporleder now works as a consultant.

Documentary film director Jamie Redford filmed a documentary on Lincoln High School, *Paper Tigers*, during the 2012-2013 school year which is being released at the Seattle International Film Festival in May 2015. This documentary will be screened during a breakout session after the keynote.

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