BOOSTING SOCIAL MEDIA INTERACTIONS BETWEEN TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

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Social media has undergone many changes and improvements over the years. The main reason people use these digital innovations now is to stay in touch with their loved ones. But this tool can also improve the relationship between teachers and students, which is very helpful for better school learning.

Social media allows students to learn even when they are not in a classroom. They can ask questions and get help with ideas or lessons they don't understand. Teachers can also post reviews, examples, and information about upcoming lessons that students can see when they login to their social media accounts. It will be much easier because it won't take much time, money, or work. But these tools can help teachers and students connect even when they're not in school.

Students get it. They know how easy it is to talk to each other, but they don't fully understand the bigger picture. As teachers, we've all gotten a lot out of our learning networks or groups of critical friends. Some of us have gotten jobs, found great resources in our content areas, or watched a conference. But do we show our students how to use that potential? And if so, are we showing them the right way to go down these different roads?

Students know that social media has a lot of potential, but are they using it to their advantage? My coworker told me about something one of her students said. The student asked, "Could you check my Facebook profile?" I want to make sure it's okay for colleges to see." Eureka! Even though this is a good sign for any teacher, this is not the best way

to use social media networks. It's not even close to being true. In short, it's like being asked, "What do I need to know for the test?"

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