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"Teaching Increases Our Capacity for Empathy."

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Professional Biography

Greg O'Loughlin has taught 3rd, 4th, 6th grades, and is preparing to teach 9th and 11th grades next year. Prior to classroom teaching, he has professional experience in service, politics, and non-profit organizations. Greg holds a BA in Communications from *SUNY Empire*, an MAT from *Belmont*, and was a fellow in the Summer Institute at *Columbia University's Klingenstein Center*. In 2018, Greg was awarded the *Nashville Public Education Foundation's* Inspiring Innovation Award for his work as the founding director of ***The Educators' Cooperative***, a non-profit that supports collaboration among educators in all sectors in the Nashville area.

https://educatorscooperative.com/

Lessons Learned

- **Collaboration is worth the effort.**
  "When teachers work together, the future of education is greater than the sum of its parts." – Educators' Cooperative motto.
- **Progress looks different for everybody.**
  Teachers learn lessons, improve, and understand more about the work over time. Go easy on yourself.
- **You can't please everyone.**
  Keep students and their families at the center of your choices, decisions, and intentions and you'll find yourself on the right side of most people most of the time.

Favorite Resources

- **Planning to Change the World**
  https://www.rethinkingschools.org/books/title/planning-to-change- the-world-2018-2019
- **Daily Grammar Practice**
  https://www.dgppublishing.com/
- **Teach This Poem**
  https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/teach-poem
- **Rethinking Schools Magazine**
  https://www.rethinkingschools.org/issues/volume-33-no-3-spring-2019

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