

#### Thank you for joining us!

Session 1: Educator Self-Care
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#### **Getting Started:**

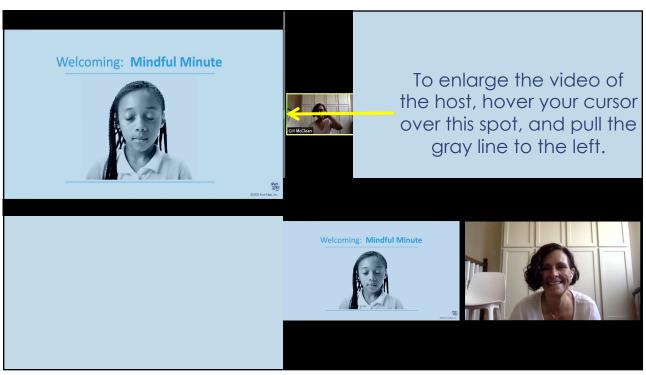
- 1. A **Dropbox link** of materials will be in the Chat Box at the end of the session all resources in English and Spanish are free.
- 2. Complete the very brief feedback form at the end of our virtual meet-up! It will also be posted in the Chat Box.
- 3. If you have any questions, please type them into the Q&A box!



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## Mission

Pure Edge, Inc. believes that all educators and learners deserve to be taught strategies that help combat stress and support the development of social, emotional, and academic learning competencies with an open heart and mind.



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# Welcoming Activity: Mindful Minute





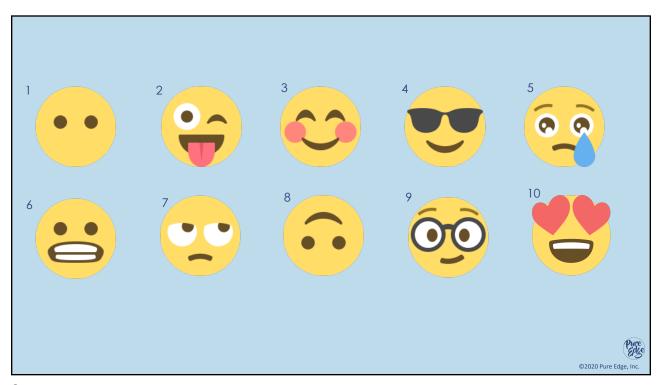
# **Engaging Activity**

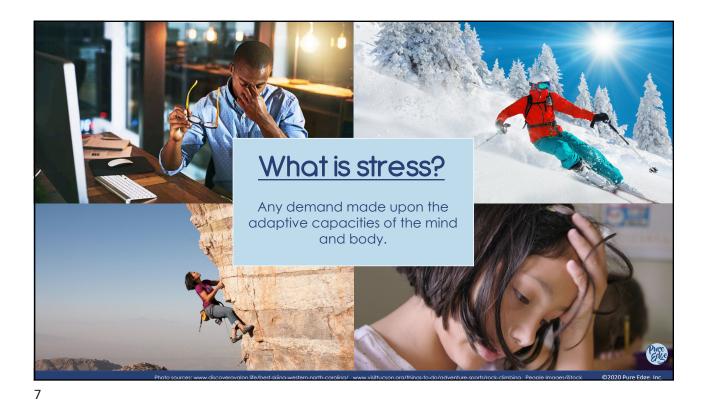


Respond to the poll to share which of the following images most accurately reflects your experience right now:



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GOOD STRESS

- Positive challenge
- Motivates us
- Promotes well-being
- Enhances performance

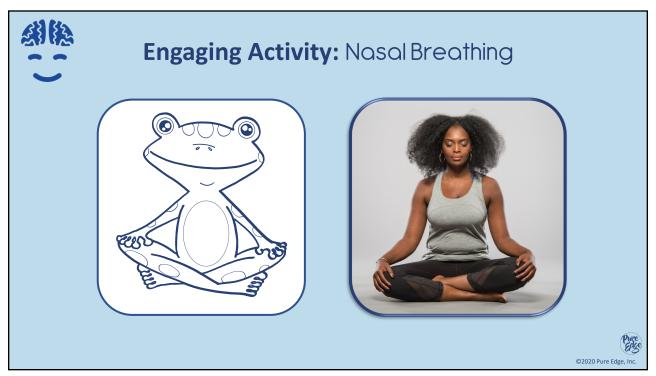
**BAD STRESS** 

- No relief in sight
- Makes us physically sick
- Weakens immune system
- Impairs performance

Concept by Marc Brackett, Ph.D. Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence







## Benefits of Nasal Breathing

- · Filters dust and impurities from the air
- Warms the air to body temperature
- The diaphragm is more easily controlled, which supports the development of internal core strength
- More control over lengthening the breath (extended exhalations help activate the parasympathetic nervous system)
- Increased oxygen from nasal breath increases energy and vitality



lorthwestem University. "Rhythm of breathing affects memory, fear: Breathing is not just for oxygen; it's also linked to brain function, behavior." cienceDaily, ScienceDaily, 7 December 2016. < <a href="https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/12/161207093034.htm">https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/12/161207093034.htm</a>

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# What we hope to do



Vs.









### Stress Response



"Gas Pedal"
Sympathetic Nervous System:
Fight or Flight



"Brake"
Parasympathetic Nervous System:
Rest and Digest



https://www.health.harvard.edu/staying-healthy/understanding-the-stress-response

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## Did you know?

Give yourself time to develop these new patterns/habits. There's a wide range (18-200+ days) in how long it takes to develop a new habit; average time being 66 days.



https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/eisp.674

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### Brain Breaks Implementation Tips

- 1. Establish A Consistent Routine
- 2. Start of Day/End of Day/Transitions
- 3. Start Small, Then Build
- 4. Repeat, Repeat, Repeat
- 5. Be Comfortable With the Exercises







