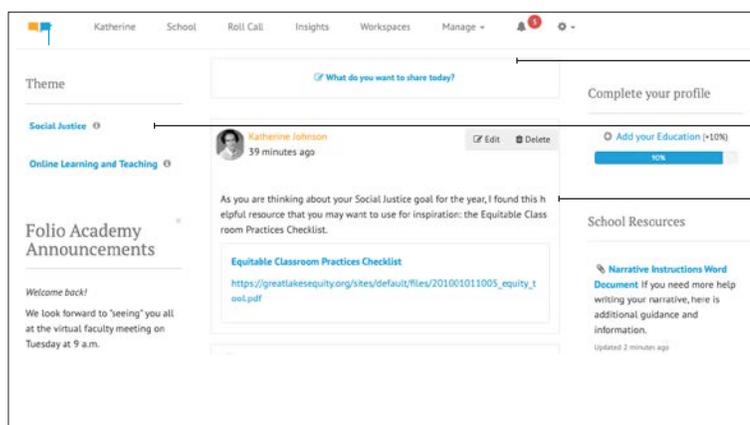


Community Feed



POST: Click here to start sharing ideas in your school community.

THEMES: School administrators will identify school-wide goals and priorities - called Themes. As faculty and staff develop their professional growth goals, their plans will be aligned with those priorities and what matters most at your school.

COMMUNITY FEED: The new School Community Feed is the place for everyone at your school to share ideas and best practices, ask questions and provide answers, celebrate achievements, and stay connected.

The new Community Feed feature in myFolio is a place where faculty and staff can share insights and best practices, ask questions, provide resources and ideas, and celebrate together. Designed to be interactive, the Community Feed meets the adult learner's need for professional growth that is purposeful, collaborative, and "just-in-time." More than simply a filing system for resources, the Community Feed will:

- Connect posts with the school's Themes, which can then be browsed by topic or searched as an archive;
- Promote increased engagement with myFolio as users can comment, like, and share posts and resources (coming soon);
- Connect schools with each other. Standard Folio-defined Categories (e.g. "Distance Learning," "Technology," "Professional Development Opportunities") will enable Folio to open up cross-school communication (future myFolio capability).

Why does the new myFolio include a Community Feed?

We know - from the literature, from extensive member feedback, and from our work with applied behavioral economists - how important collaborative peer relationships are for [educator growth](#) and [development](#). Adults learn best in cooperative, purpose-driven, and real-time environments (TEAL, 2011).

The Community Feed was thus designed as a way to encourage:

- Connection among colleagues as a way to develop more effective practices;
- Teacher-driven learning and conversation;
- The development of a community of learners growing together instead of in isolation.

Why is the Community Feed especially important now?

The COVID pandemic has created new challenges for school leaders, particularly relating to the ways in which they communicate with faculty and staff, monitor [faculty and staff morale](#), and promote a growth-focused culture in the midst of such rapid change.

Instead of introducing new systems, myFolio's Community Feed can be utilized to streamline and simplify communication with faculty and staff, as a way to build community morale, as a way to share school announcements, as a way to spur growth-focused conversation...the list goes on. School leaders can use myFolio as a way to [respond adaptively and creatively](#) in these times of uncertainty and rapid change.

The Community Feed also addresses a growing need among teachers to [connect, share learnings, and serve as a sounding board for each other](#). Whereas many educators have sought out this type of professional collaboration on external sites like [Twitter](#) and Facebook, myFolio's Community Feed creates a space for this sort of dialogue to occur within the school community, in turn strengthening faculty morale and increasing teachers' sense of belonging.

Community Feed Guidelines

As with any online community, it's important to establish and communicate clear expectations for use. We suggest creating a "myFolio Community Feed Netiquette" policy document (something like [this](#) can be modified for adult users) and then sharing the document with all users at the start of the academic year. Folio Admins can post these guidelines as a Resource and notify users via the Announcement feature.

Looking for fun ways to get started?

Try using one (or all) of the following Community Feed posts with your faculty and staff!

- "What worked today? Share one little win with our community - whether it's about a class activity that went well, a student who shone, a personal victory over technology, or a successful balancing of work/life tensions." **[School theme: celebrating teacher wins]**
- "One of our growth themes for the year is anti-racism. Have you read any inspiring articles, books, tweets, or blogs this week related to this theme? Share them with our faculty here!" **[School theme: anti-racism]**
- "Focus on purpose: share with us by posting a quote, anecdote, or link that captures why you teach." **[School theme: purpose]**
- "Many of us are working to integrate more community-building into our virtual classes (one of our goals for the year). Do you have an article, video, or other resource that could help your colleagues? Share it here!" **[School theme: high-quality virtual instruction]**
- What is one concept you want to put into practice (and how are you going to do it) after hearing our professional day speaker?
- Here is the pre-reading for our PLC meeting next week. Please read it in advance and post a phrase or sentence that you want to remember or that stands out for you in the comments below.
- Use the Community Feed as a backchannel during a presentation.
- We are looking forward to learning from _____ during tomorrow's faculty meeting, please submit your questions in advance by commenting in the box below so that we can organize them in advance.

The Folio Collaborative team understands the number of plans you have had to design this summer. We are here to do this work alongside you. Let us help you create a concrete roadmap for strengthening your school's approach toward professional learning. To discuss the new myFolio features, email us at members@foliocollaborative.org.

