

WORK SESSION**AGENDA ITEM WS IV**

CCC Board of Education – Topic Summary	
Topic:	AJ Smith’s Sabbatical Presentation
Date:	March 19, 2025
Presented By:	AJ Smith, CCC Faculty
Division/Department:	Academic Foundation and Connections (AFAC) Skills Development Department
Issue Before the Board:	Informational Report on Sabbatical Activities

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

The Board annually hears reports from instructors on their sabbatical activities.

BACKGROUND:

AJ Smith, Skills Development, two-term sabbatical

During the course of this sabbatical, I conducted a literature review of effective classroom management strategies, placing special emphasis on the context of Adult Basic Skills (pre-college) students and classrooms. In addition, I’ve included a review of established techniques for respectful de-escalation of problem situations when they occur. This includes an analysis of various stages of the cycle of escalating behavior and strategies for intervention and de-escalation at each phase. The findings are synthesized in a presentation document whose intended audience is faculty working with Adult Basic Skills students as well as the wider college teaching community.

ATTACHMENTS:**FUTURE REPORT:**

Sabbatical reports will be presented again in 2026.