

## **"Idea Wave" Structured Open-Ended Class Discussion (to Bolster Expressive Academic Language & Learner Engagement)**

PRIVATE THINK TIME:

 How can we increase the accountability of middle school students for their learning? List two additional ideas:

1. Teachers district wide could agree to assign 20 minutes of homework at night in each of the core content areas.
2. Students who come unprepared to class twice in a given week would be required to stay after school for 45 minutes or until the work is completed.

3.

4.


 Select your favorite two ideas and rewrite them using the following sentence starters using academic language

1. Middle school teachers could *enhance* student accountability and *therefore* achievement, if .....

2. Student accountability for learning could be *maximized* if

(adapted from Kate Kinsella, San Francisco

[PUBLIC SHARE TIME]

-  Listen carefully as your colleagues share their insights and experiences during the unified group discussion. Jot down two (2) ideas that you hadn't considered and the names of the colleagues who contributed these ideas.


Name

Idea (note form)

1.

2.

3.

-  Write a statement combining your favorite two ideas (yes, including yours) with one of the academic sentence stems above.