

# TAP MONTHLY

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## TAP NEWS

- Please share this newsletter with your mediators!
- Site Coordinators and Administrators will have brief meetings with their TAP Staff members before summer to go over the Implementation Rubric and begin planning for next year.
- Keep using your TAP Skills over the summer!

## STRATEGY OF THE MONTH

### NON-STANDARD MEDIATIONS

The TAP mediation process you learned in training is highly structured, but often mediators encounter peers who need help resolving their conflicts in the hallway, at a team practice, at home, or other times when scheduling a mediation might not be the easiest option.

In this case, you can do a **non-standard mediation**: a time when a casual conversation using your conflict resolution skills can help your peers. Starting in the fall, you will be able to log these mediations just like the standard mediations you're used to.

## A LETTER FROM YOUR TAP STAFF



### DEAR MEDIATORS,

Throughout this year we have been incredibly impressed with all your hard work to make your school a safer environment for teaching and learning. Whether this was your first year as a TAP mediator or you are a seasoned veteran, we thank you for taking ownership over TAP. Both during structured mediations and in casual conversations outside of class, your commitment to embodying TAP has been noted by your site coordinators and passed along to us! We look forward to seeing you after summer vacation, and to all our graduating mediators, we know that you will make a big impact wherever you will be next year!

Warmly,  
Dave Miller  
Rachel Glazer  
Lizzi Meister

## PRACTICE ROLEPLAY

**SYDNEY:** Penelope just started yelling names at me. I was minding my own business and then she just went nuts. I don't even know why we are at mediation.

**PENELOPE:** Sydney is so mean. She always trips me in the halls on my way to gym class. I had no other choice but to call her stupid.

What clarifying questions might you ask these disputants?

**Impact Statement for SYDNEY:**

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**Impact Statement for PENELOPE:**

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## TAP SPOTLIGHT

### Jackson Public School District Induction Ceremony



Congratulations to the 47 newly inducted mediators of the Jackson Public School District! Their Induction Ceremony was held at the Hinds County Courthouse, and the oath of service was administered by the Honorable Judge Winston Kidd.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**