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& **AUTHENTIC**

CHAPTER 1

**Why are you investing your time into this book?
What is it that you hope to get out of it?**

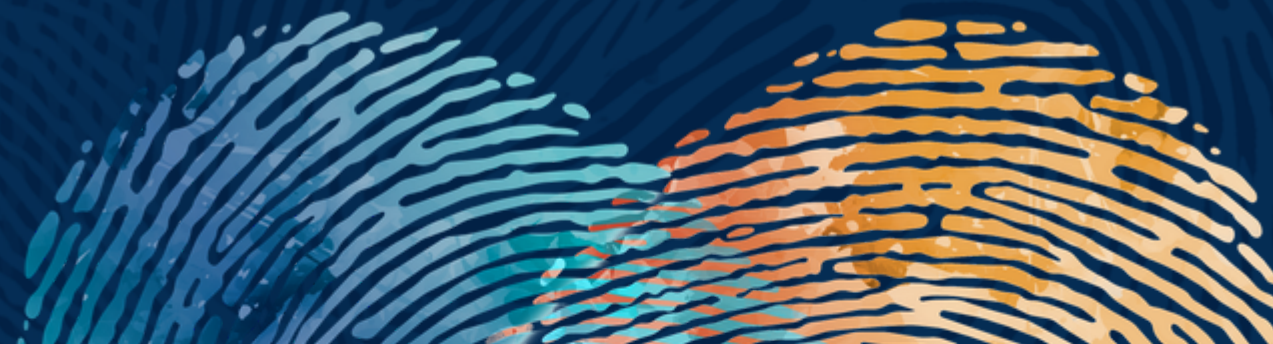
When you hear the title “Personal & Authentic,”

what comes to mind?

What experiences in your classroom or school

would you deem personal and authentic?

Why?



How would you design a student learning experience if the quality of the relationship was at the core?

In this opening chapter, Tom shares two heartbreaking stories that happened during his first year teaching that significantly altered his lens as an educator. What personal and authentic experiences have impacted you as an educator? Discuss them as a group, and share one on social media, using the book's hashtag #AuthenticEDU.