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**Nathan Eklund, M.Ed.**, is a leading advocate for increasing educator job satisfaction and creating healthy work environments. As an educator for over 12 years, Eklund utilizes his firsthand knowledge of the lives of educators and the work of schools to address the critical issues around educator burnout. He is committed to increasing educators' sense of efficacy and enhancing relationships among colleagues and students. As Senior Education Consultant at Search Institute, Eklund collaborates with individuals and organizations to focus attention within the national discussion about education on the heretofore overlooked topics of job satisfaction and workplace climate. He has given particular attention to the challenges of teacher retention in his book, *How Was Your Day at School? Improving Dialogue about Teacher Job Satisfaction*.



Nathan was an English teacher at Orono Senior High School and at Woodstock International School in India for over 12 years. He taught every course the department offered and served as department chair for eight years. In that time, he saw young educators leave the field, experienced teachers struggle with the ongoing tensions of teaching, and the essential role healthy relationships with colleagues plays in sustaining educators. He also was the theater director, literary arts magazine director, and boys' soccer coach. Nathan was the head coach of the varsity boys' soccer team for eight years, where relationships with students and fellow coaches allowed him to not only have successful teams but also fed his understanding of the power healthy friendships can play in teaching and work.

Nathan left teaching after over a decade, sensing a new calling to work with educators to discover their own potential to improve their lives as teachers. He is a strong believer in utilizing all resources such as students, colleagues, friends, and family to seek solutions to problems. An advocate of reflective practice and moving continually toward improvement, Nathan helps individuals and organizations to mobilize themselves toward new thinking and new practices.

When he's not speaking or working, Nathan plays with a local band, competes in triathlons, and hangs out with his wife and two sons.

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