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Jon Bullock is a champion for youth empowerment and student leadership. For over 20 years, he has worked with young people as a teacher, coach, and administrator. As the Executive Director of the Redmond Proficiency Academy, a proficiency model school that he helped found, Jon is one of Oregon's leading voices for an education system that puts the needs of students first.

Jon has earned acclaim for speaking to students and educators about self acceptance and the power of vulnerability. He gave a TEDx talk entitled "What's In Your Bag?" that challenged people to be honest with themselves and those around them about their hopes, dreams, fears, and failures. These ideas are at the core of his leadership philosophy, as Jon knows it is through honesty that we foster compassion and understanding in our schools and workplaces. This question - "What's in your bag?" - has helped Jon forge connections with his students and others as they unpack their own bags and consider how their baggage is affecting those around them. In a world where millennials are often labeled "lazy" and "entitled," Jon believes in the power of young people to lift each other up.

Never having lost touch with the things that inspired him to dedicate his life to education, Jon teaches classes at the school he runs and coaches competitive youth soccer. In addition to running one of the largest and most successful charter schools in Oregon, Jon is also the proud father of an incredibly talented 19 year-old daughter. In his free time, Jon enjoys going to Portland Timbers games and will DVR nearly every professional wrestling event so he doesn't miss a single storyline.

Always looking for new ways to give back to his community, Jon has served as the Chair of the Kids Helping Kids Division of Children's Miracle Network in Eugene, Oregon. Additionally, he has served on the Executive Council of the National Association of Student Councils, worked as a camp counselor and presenter with the Oregon Association of Student Councils, and volunteered with Sparrow Clubs on their Regional Board of Directors, even participating as a dancer in their inaugural Swinging With The Stars benefit in 2012.

A lifelong Oregon State University Beaver, Jon earned his Doctor of Education degree from the University of Oregon in 2005.

See Jon's TED Talk: ["What's In Your Bag?"](#)

As featured in *The Atlantic*: [When High School Means a Build-It-Yourself Education](#)

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