



The Educational Ecosystem: Predator or Prey; which one are you?

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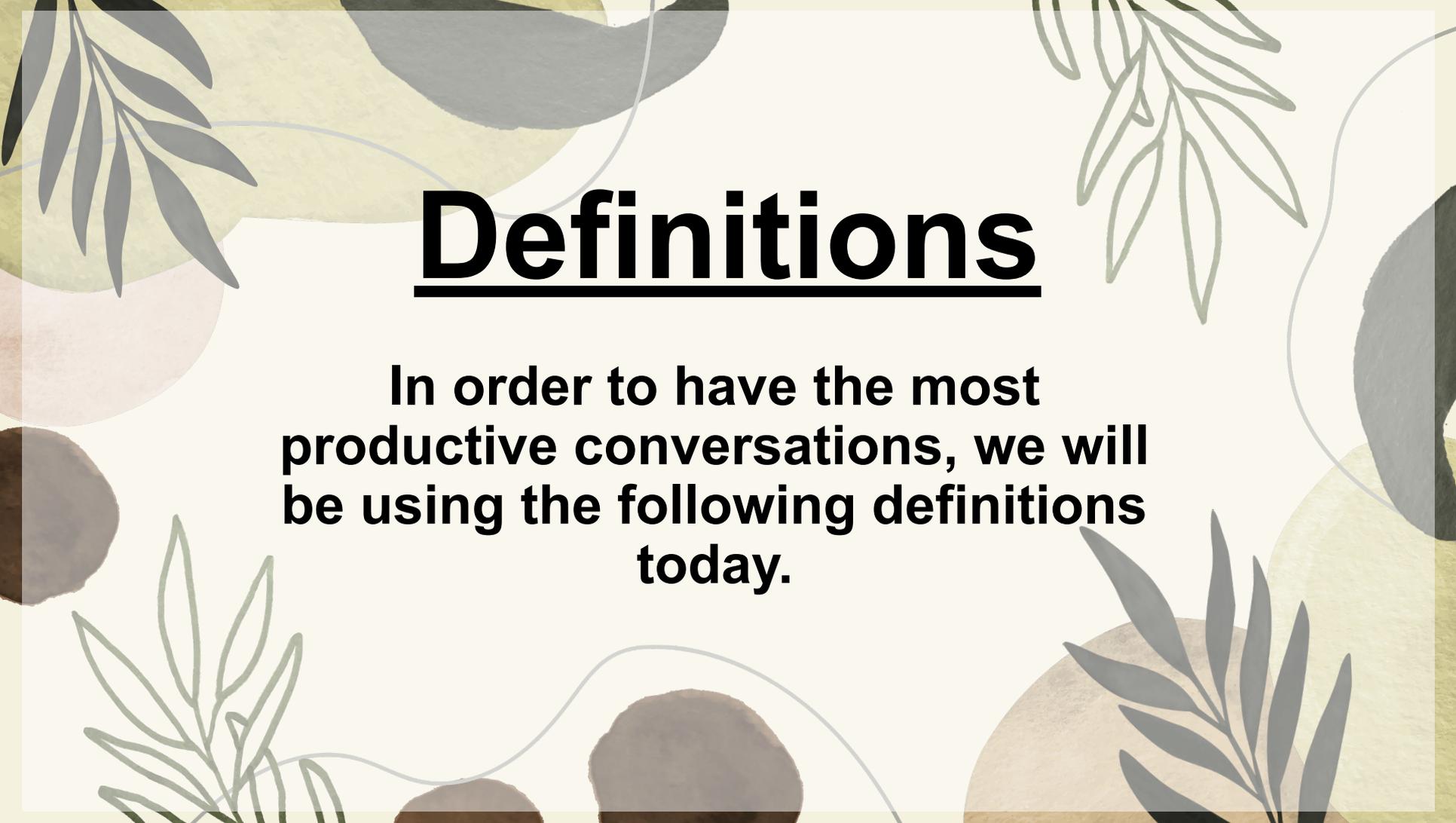
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Icebreaker

Introduce yourself to your tablemates. Share the following:

- Name
- Location
- Goals for outcome of this session



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Definitions

In order to have the most productive conversations, we will be using the following definitions today.

Barriers

a fence or other obstacles that prevent movement or access.

Ecosystem

a biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment.

Educational Ecosystem

According to ViewSonic.com:

a network of educational institutions, organizations, and businesses as well as individuals – like teachers, principals, parents, and students – that interact and collaborate to provide learning opportunities and resources.

Mutually Supportive

The provision of task assistance, social support, and feedback to one or more team members as needed

Parents/ Caregivers

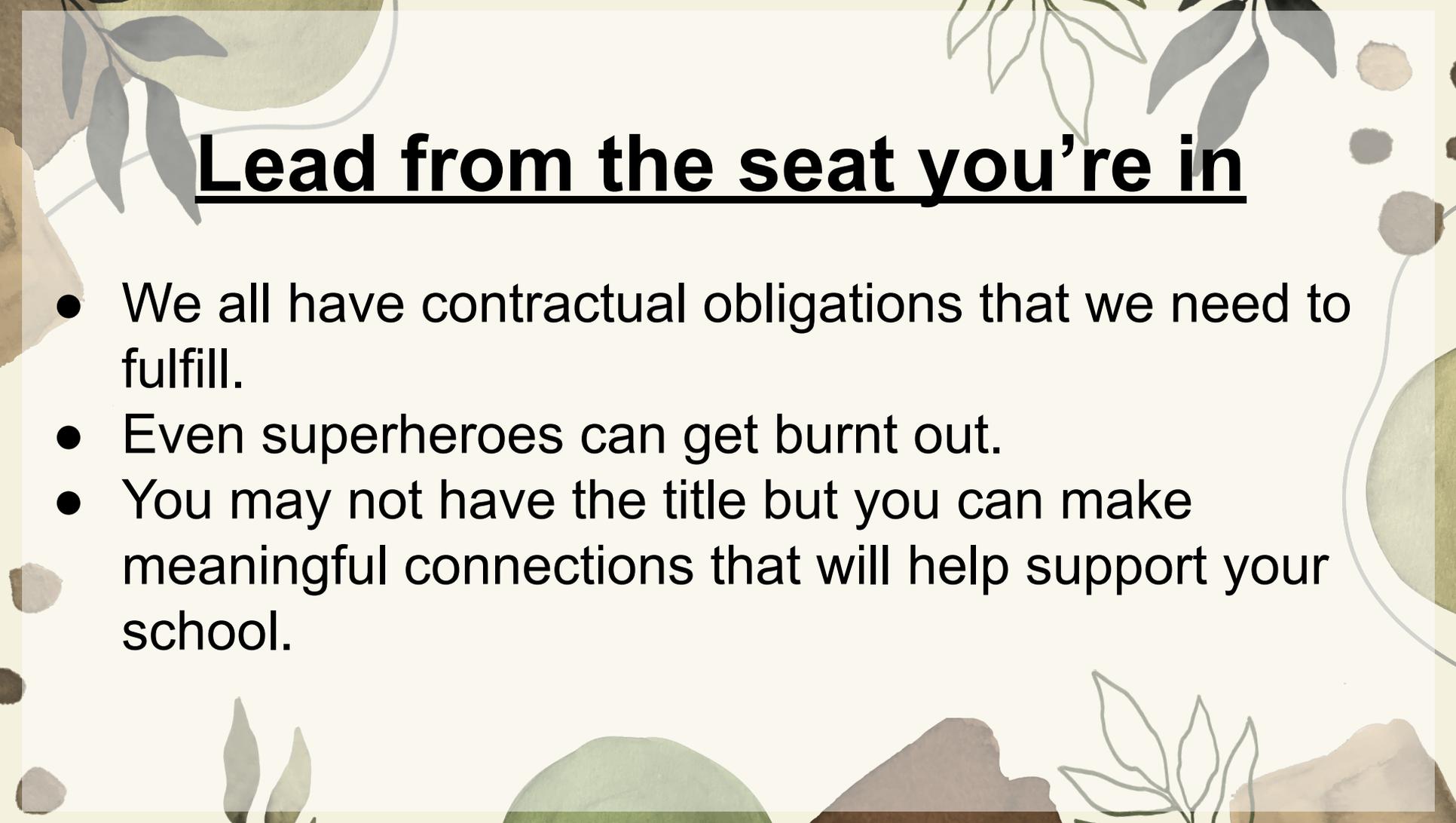
Biological parents, foster parents, adoptive parents, family members or paid helpers who regularly look out for the child,

Symbiotic Relationship

Symbiosis is any type of a close and long-term biological interaction between two biological organisms of different species, termed symbionts, be it mutualistic; communalistic, or parasitic



Discussion



Lead from the seat you're in

- We all have contractual obligations that we need to fulfill.
- Even superheroes can get burnt out.
- You may not have the title but you can make meaningful connections that will help support your school.

Development of a healthy (mutually supportive) educational ecosystem

- Everyone's responsibility.
- But **beware**- there are some parasites out there.

We often think that predators are big and scary but sometimes the thing that will get you is unseen.



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Open Discussion

What are your experiences and thoughts regarding the predator/ prey mentality?

Identification of systematic barriers

- Check in process (how do people come into your school)
- Staff telephone etiquette (polite or “nah”)
- Response time (can our parents and partners count on a timely response to their issue or concern?)



Identification of personal barriers

- Cultural bias (what do you assume about the community you're serving?)
 - Previous history with families or community partners (positive/negative)
 - Personal insecurities (not wanting to step on anyone's toes)
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Tangible Plan for Improvement

Intentionally moving from

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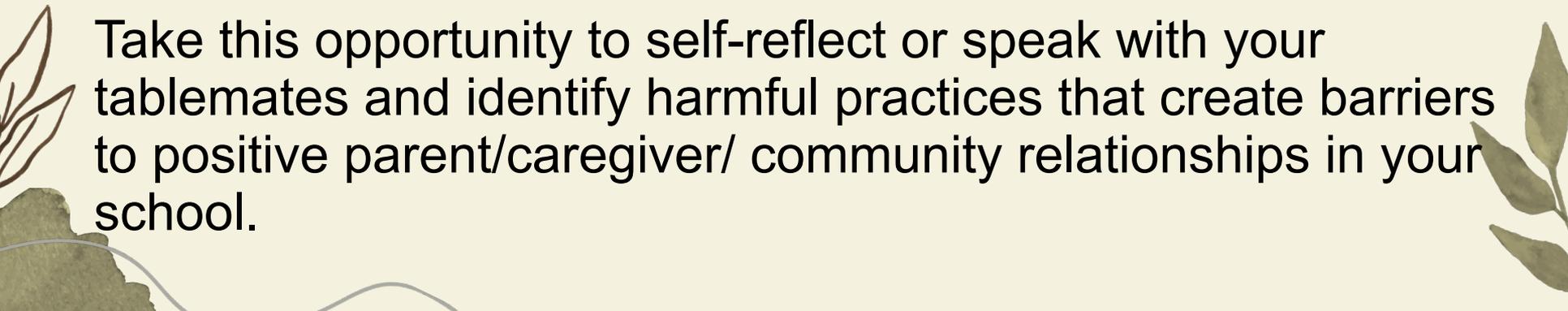
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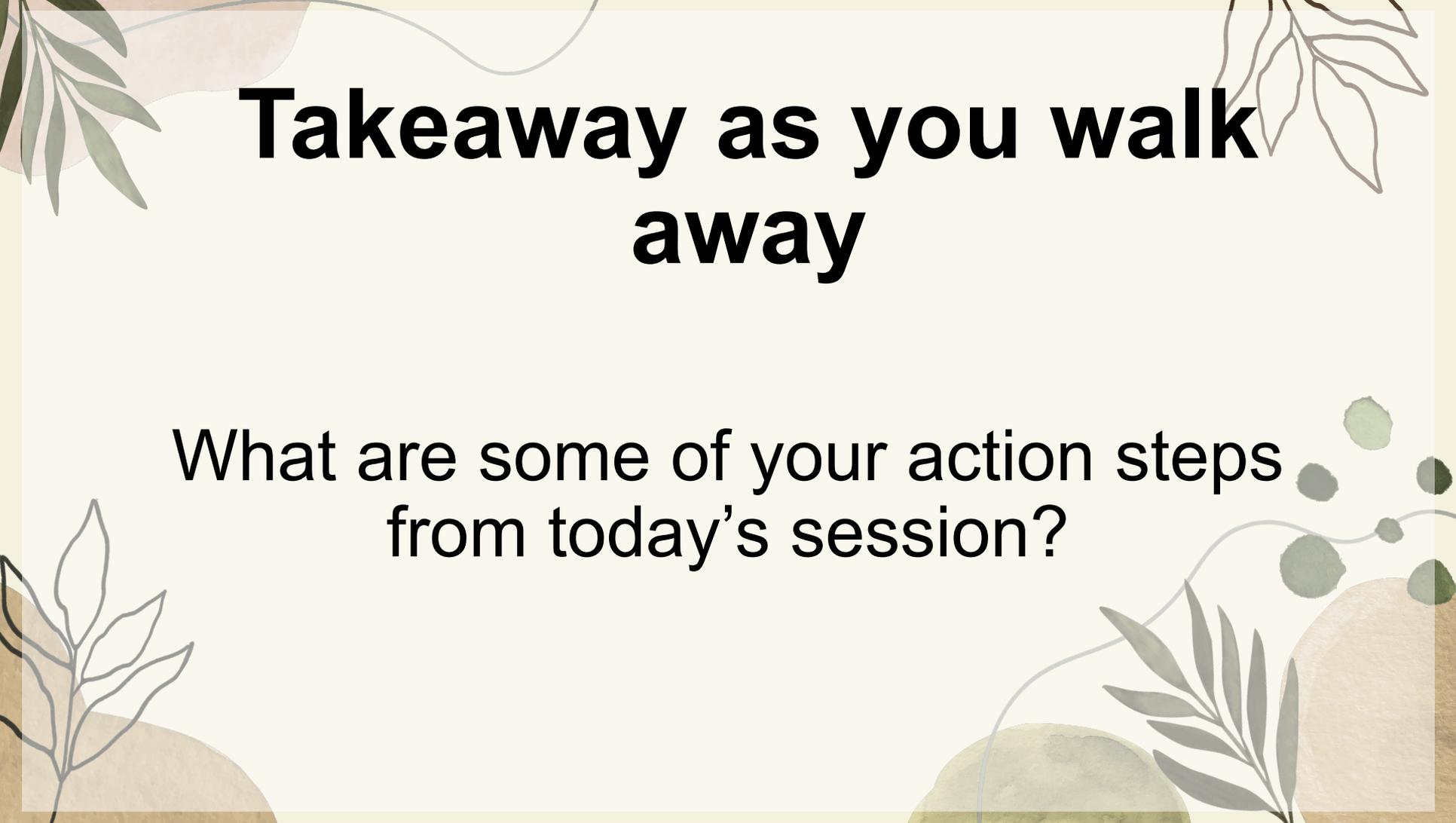
1. Take a walk in your parent/caregiver/community partner's shoes.
2. What can you do to facilitate a more harmonious educational ecosystem?



Take this opportunity to self-reflect or speak with your tablemates and identify harmful practices that create barriers to positive parent/caregiver/ community relationships in your school.

Tangible Plan for Improvement Work Time



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Takeaway as you walk away

What are some of your action steps
from today's session?

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

Please reach out to us with any questions or comments
and let's continue the conversation!

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