

# From the Experts Educator Reflection

## [Dr. Sharon Contreras](#)

- Sharon Contreras comments, "we are blaming students". Do you agree that educators, either intentionally or unintentionally, frequently blame students unfairly? If this is a concern in your school, how can this be improved?
- Sharon Contreras says, "instead of saying we need to fix you...we need to fix these structures...if there is anyplace it can be done it is in these classrooms." Do you believe that this is accurate? Why or why not?
- Why does Dr. Contreras believe it is important to focus on critical thinking skills and developing empathy in students? How is this accomplished? If this is difficult, what resources or supports are missing in your classroom or school?