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Abstract title:	It's not a race, but it sort of is
	<p>Purposefully provocative, this session will encourage educators to put their personal wellbeing at the forefront of their practice. Our intention is to help educators create a purposeful, energising, satisfying and sustainable career that is by no means accidental. We will share strategies to do just that.</p> <p>The ideas shared here have been bouncing around since 2017, and despite sometimes varying viewpoints, we both have the same core aspirations for this collection of thoughts:</p> <p>For principals/school leaders: to help them create a purposeful, energising, satisfying and sustainable career that is by no means accidental.</p> <p>And as an outcome of this –</p> <p>For students: awesome schools that grow healthy, balanced young people who will go out into the world with the skills and mindsets to make a difference.</p> <p>Our intention is to challenge you to look at your job from different perspectives and then to do something different. Most of us find that the doing part is the hardest.</p> <p>We are two New Zealand school principals, Steve Zonneville and David Armstrong, who both had sabbatical projects based on principal wellness and resilience during 2019. As part of the synthesis and reporting phase, we took the opportunity to "write the book nobody had the time to write" – a collection of thoughts and provocations developed through discussion with colleagues across the country. Our intention is to provoke discussion and challenge school leaders to critically reflect on how they are working. This conversation needs to happen as the current model is neither desirable nor sustainable.</p> <p>Our backgrounds are not academic, but together we have a combined forty plus years of experience leading New Zealand schools of various sizes and flavours, with nearly sixty combined years in the education sector as a whole.</p>