"How Might We" Questions

Instructions: First, generate a How Might We question based on the Point of View statement you wrote on the previous page. Focus on the needs you identified. Think of the large box at the top as the HMW that will meet your stakeholder's most important need. This can be built from your POV statement. Next, answer the prompts below and use your answers to create new HMW questions.

OBSERVATIONS & GUESSES   POINT OF VIEW   HMW QUESTIONS

POSSIBLE VERBS TO USE...	help encourage	motivate empower	educate create	provide inspire	incentivize prompt	remind change	increase decrease	challenge restore	shift ignite	spark support	customize develop	build amplify	accelerate

HOW MIGHT WE... (VERB THAT IMPLIES CHANGE) + (STAKEHOLDER) + (OPPORTUNITY)?
How might we help Maria prepare for her day while walking to school?

If the HMW question feels too big and overwhelming, ask yourselves: What's stopping us from meeting this need?

Then, rewrite the HMW around what you identified as a barrier.

If the HMW question feels too much like a solution, ask yourselves: Why would we want to do this?

Then rewrite the HMW around the motivation.

Is there something good about your school you might make better?

HMW...

Is there something negative at the school that you might improve?

HMW...

Is there an assumption you are making that you might question?

HMW...

How might you draw inspiration from an analogy?

HMW...

Is there a specific aspect of this challenge that you want to focus on?

HMW...

Rewrite your original HMW to focus on the holistic learning gaps learning outcomes.

HMW...

Rewrite your original HMW to focus on decreasing stress.

HMW...

Rewrite your original HMW to focus on increasing joy.

HMW...