



# DETOXING FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL MINDSETS

*Finding Freedom & Confidence  
in your Home Education Journey*

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** *As a former public school teacher turned home educator of 3 children, Theresa Ng has been forced to personally question and confront many of the expectations and assumptions about learning that our culture has absorbed from the public school model. In this session, Theresa will examine some of these assumptions in order to inspire home educators to find increased freedom, joy and confidence in their home education journey.*

## INTRODUCTION

- The decision of where your child will spend the bulk of their formative years is a significant decision, as those years form the foundation to the rest of your child's life.
- It is important to engage in that decision-making process with realistic expectations and thoughtful reasoning as to *why* you are making the choice that you are making.

## PURPOSE OF TODAY'S SESSION

- Examine 3 key assumptions we have absorbed into our cultural mindset when it comes to education options for our child, asking important questions to discern the most effective educational setting for our child's formative years.

## ASSUMPTION #1: PUBLIC SCHOOL WILL SOCIALIZER MY CHILD

- What is socialization?
- Whose job is it to socialize a child?
- Is public school the only place where your child can practice socialization skills?
- What is the quality of socialization skills you want modeled and learned by your child?

## ASSUMPTION #2: PUBLIC SCHOOL WILL ENSURE MY CHILD LEARNS WHAT HE/SHE IS SUPPOSED TO KNOW

- Who decides the specific topics a child needs to learn at every age and why?
- Are you satisfied with less than mastery?
- Is your child's well-being and development more than just academic?

## **ASSUMPTION #3: PUBLIC SCHOOL PROVIDES EXPERTS WHO WILL GUIDE MY CHILD'S LEARNING BETTER THAN I, AS A PARENT, COULD EVER DO**

- What learning resources are accessible to parents?
- What content-area expertise is accessible to parents?
- Who is the expert on your child?

## **CONCLUDING THOUGHTS**

- The formative years of your child's life can never be recovered. They are indeed a precious gift. Whatever route we choose when it comes to our child's educational setting, we need to ensure that we are making the choice intentionally and with realistic expectations.
- Let's have the courage to challenge the assumptions of our culture's public school mindset, as well as the courage and confidence to step beyond the status quo to discover new-found freedom and joy for our children and families.