



## ERG Partners with Nationally Known Author Cris Tovani

# Purposeful and Innovative Staff Development to Meet Today's Demands

The Common Core Standards require students and teachers to push thinking to the next level. Covering content no longer provides students with what they need to be successful. Students need to be “comprehension constructors” who can merge reading, writing and thinking.

ERG has developed an innovative staff development service with nationally recognized reading expert Cris Tovani to support teachers in this journey to deep thinking and comprehension.

## Service Components

- Content delivery from the Cris Tovani text of your choice.
- Copies of the Cris Tovani anchor text for participating teachers.
- Model lessons using Cris Tovani’s instructional model and planning circle.
- Job-embedded support sessions with a Tovani-trained ERG coach.
- Web based consultations with Cris Tovani.
- On-site visit from Cris Tovani (optional).

## Who Benefits from this Service?

- ELA Teachers Grades 6-12
- Science and Social Studies Content Teachers Grades 6-12

*“If we truly want all students to pursue a rigorous course of study, then it’s up to us to show them how to access challenging text.”*

*— Cris Tovani*

## About Cris:

Cris Tovani is first and foremost a teacher—whether she is in the Colorado high school classroom where she still teaches full time or on the road sharing her knowledge, experience and enthusiasm with teachers—she loves to support learners of all ages and from all backgrounds.

Before becoming a national reading consultant and high school reading specialist, Cris taught elementary school for ten years and was a staff developer for Denver’s Public Education and Business Coalition (PEBC). The PEBC received national recognition for reforming reading comprehension instruction.

Cris has authored several texts on reading instruction:

- *Comprehending Content*
- *Do I Really Have to Teach Reading?*
- *I Read It, But I Don’t Get It*
- *Thoughtful Reading*
- *So What Do They Really Know?*

Throughout her writing and presentations, Cris communicates her belief that “*staff development has to be purposeful so that students and teachers alike can meet today’s demands.*”