

**Tuesday, July 9**

**11:00-12:15 PM**

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I am currently in my twenty-sixth year in education and have taught elementary and middle school classes, as well as undergraduate and graduate classes for local universities. I have led in-service sessions for area school districts, presented at various conferences, and am currently working as the Director of Digital Education for Sioux Falls Christian Schools. I am a "Google for Education Certified Trainer" and I love to help others see the benefits of using educational technology tools within their classrooms and schools. I received my B.A. in Elementary Education from Sioux Falls College and my M.A. in Education (with an emphasis in Technology Leadership) from the University of Sioux Falls.

### **Improve Students' Listening Skills Through the Use of Podcasts and Audio Files**

The concept of podcasting has been around for a few decades but it is now finding its way into education thanks to the proliferation of online and mobile tools that help with creating, sharing, and consuming these audio recordings. In this session we will discuss the simplified process of podcasting and the benefits of having students listen to audio files to improve "listening comprehension" and make them "active listeners." We will also look at a variety of ideas for lessons and activities that will help you to integrate podcasting into your classroom.