Hi my name is Jeromie Whalen, a technology teacher at Northampton High School in Northampton Massachusetts and I wanted to talk to you a little bit about Schoology learning management system. It's something that I use in my class and it really changed the practices in a variety of ways.

The three main ways that I see that changing in developing your progress as a teacher is through management of student's assessment techniques and also the interaction between students. So let's talk about management of students, [a] big thing in the classroom. Schoology allows you to create assignments and not only create assignments but organize all your materials so so you have a reading, you can upload it to Schoology, put it right there on a page where students have access to that both on desktop other mobile phones and they can download these resources for use at home or in other classrooms, a very big help when you're thinking about the continuity of a student who may miss days. For long periods of time this is a great way to have that continuity and to not have to explain yourself or be redundant in your practices. For some students that miss their work, another thing that's nice about it that you can upload their assignments straight to Schoology so gone are the days that the "dog ate your homework" you can see exactly when they uploaded it, exactly what that document is and you can have an idea of the percentage of the class that is missing that assignment as well, very good, all in real time.

Another thing; some people have a student tracking systems but if you don't, there's an attendance history so you can see and you can crunch the data and analyze student attendance. So there might be some students that are gone for long periods of absence; you can actually record that in Schoology as well. And lastly you have a grade book with some robust features, both rubrics and traditional grading systems, so you can stay on top of your assessments and have that embedded right into the assignments the students are doing as well.

Next let's talk about assessment, something that's very important for the comprehension of students. Schoology uses formative assessment in the form of quizzes, and what's nice about that is that there's data and analytics that not only allow you to see what the individual student performance is, but classes on a larger scale on each individual question. So if you go back and see that students are struggling on a certain question maybe you need to reframe that question or maybe you need to revisit that topic or revisit that unit for additional follow-up, all very important things to student comprehension.

And lastly interaction. Students are able to create groups and create discussion sections that are reflective of what they are learning in class they have an idea that they can share they can share it in a forum type post with other students commenting on that. It's a great way to keep the discussion flowing outside of the classroom. And there's also the ability to see a student's history in interactions so you can see where they're asking the questions, what their comprehending and have a nice ark to the overall students progress.

So these are just a couple of the features that Schoology has. I use it in my classroom and I really enjoy it and I think that it's contributed a lot of success to my classroom as a result of implementation. I hope you go and try it yourself and hopefully it's great!