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Quotes



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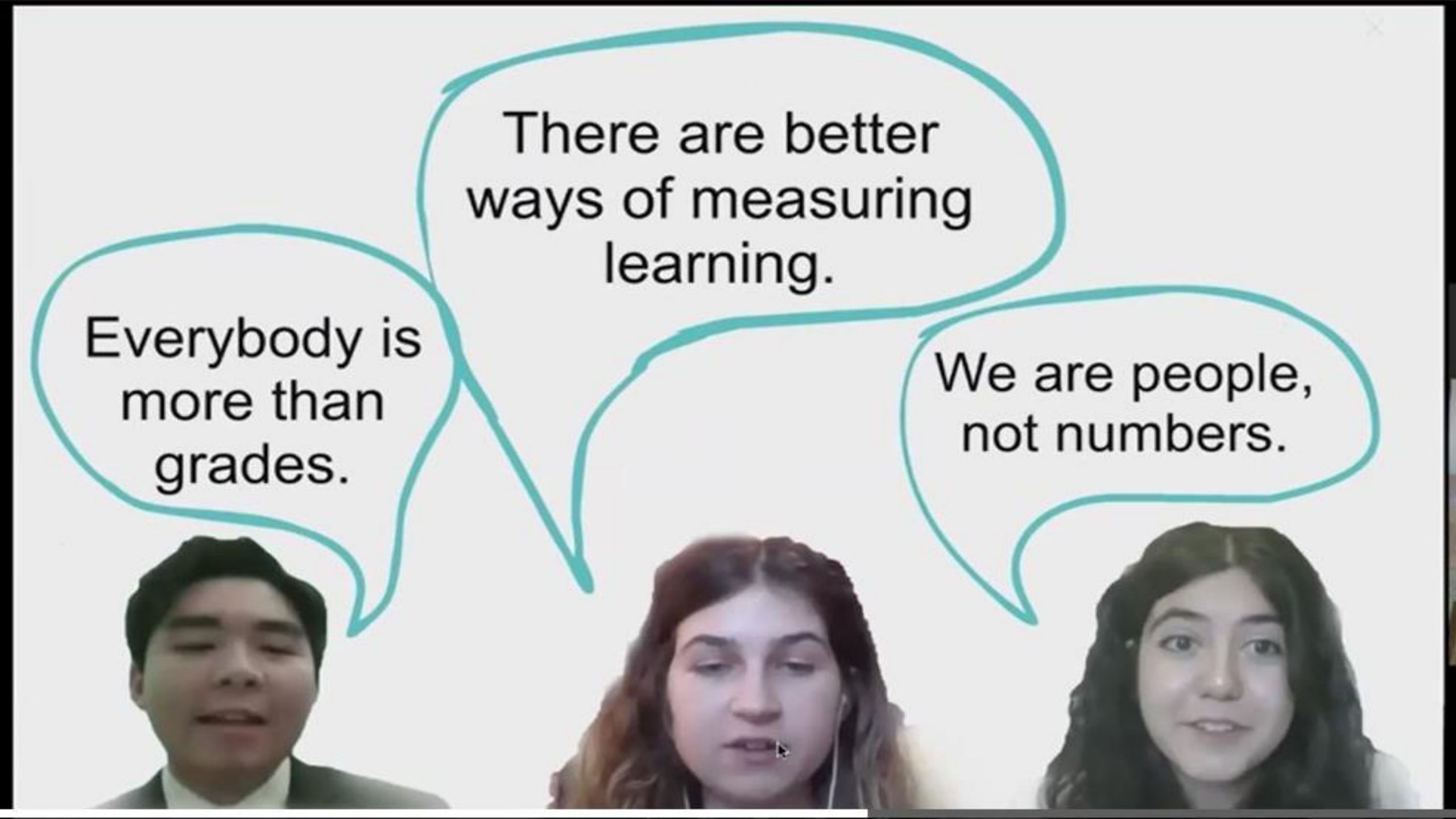
**The current COVID-19 reality is clearly challenging for everyone involved in education, but also provides us a unique opportunity to learn from each other.**

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**H.R.H. PRINCESS LAURENTIEN  
OF THE NETHERLANDS**

**Building self-  
confidence gives us  
comfort, letting us find  
the best way to learn.**

**Ardana, Student, Kazakhstan**

A video call interface showing three participants at the bottom. Three speech bubbles are overlaid on the call. The largest bubble is at the top center, containing the text 'There are better ways of measuring learning.' To its left is a smaller bubble containing 'Everybody is more than grades.' To its right is another bubble containing 'We are people, not numbers.'

Everybody is more than grades.

There are better ways of measuring learning.

We are people, not numbers.

**Teachers' first mission  
is not to teach  
anymore, but to mentor  
and be helpful to  
students.**

**Marcus, Student, Estonia**



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**This crisis is an eye-opener.  
Education is about relation,  
presence, well-being.  
No virus, no machine, will  
ever replace a classroom.**

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**JOÃO COSTA**

Deputy Minister of Education, Portugal

**We hear from teachers,  
parents, our children  
and so on. But we don't  
know much about  
students' feelings.**

**Katrin, Government representative, Estonia**



**Communication is one way now, from teachers to students. I have to study alone. I feel I am isolated. I want my teachers to care about me, to overcome this situation together.**

**Kazuma, Student, Japan**

**Peer learning can  
change the atmosphere,  
engaging students in  
the class, both in online  
and offline learning.**

**Shingo, Teacher, Japan**



**We can use the momentum from the crisis to reshape curricula and learning environments to the needs of the 21st century.**

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**ANDREAS SCHLEICHER**

OECD Director for Education and Skills



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**It is important that students feel that they are not forgotten. Once we are back to school, we will need to try to understand our experience, be united, support and bridge the gap.**

**Maria, Student, Portugal**

**Online schools should provide student services just as physical schools, such as counselling service, help with disabilities and so on.**

**Celina, Student, Hong Kong (China)**

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**As we consider what  
education post-COVID-19  
will look like, the OECD  
Learning Compass can  
point the way.**

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**SUZANNE DILLON**

Chair of the Global Forum on Future of  
Education and Skills 2030

