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Presenting international evidence, from school systems across the globe, this book documents patterns, causes, and effects of school principals' time use, building a case for the implications for school improvement, administration, and leadership. This edited volume offers an unparalleled set of chapters that delve into conceptual and methodological issues in researching principals' time use. Chapters consist of empirical studies that advance fresh perspectives and build empirical ground on how principals use time across different school systems in Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East, Oceania, and North America. This unique book, is a useful resource for researchers and educators, capturing the geographically diverse contexts of principal time use. This work makes a significant contribution to the field of school improvement, administration, and leadership with both theoretical depth and empirical grounding.

Gain a new perspective for revitalizing the assistant principalship! While assistant principals play vital administrative roles, little attention has been granted to their training, selection, motivation, and job satisfaction. In this updated edition, Catherine Marshall and Richard M. Hooley focus on understanding the assistant principalship, uncovering problems, and identifying new solutions for these important school leaders. This foundational resource provides a comprehensive study of what assistant principals do, who they are, and how these administrators-in-training can take charge of their careers. Unique issues highlighted within include Policy concerns in the assistant principal role The assistant as gateway to upper administrative mobility The importance of support and motivation The dependency on principals and their leadership style This essential handbook supports the intrinsic value of the assistant principalship, while providing direction for improving the current system, evaluating methods of recruitment, and posing new metaphors and models for the position.

Principals navigate the dynamic complexities and subtleties of their schools every day. They promote, facilitate, and lead efforts to achieve both tangible and intangible results throughout the school community. They fulfill a role that includes counseling, budgeting, inspiring, teaching, learning, disciplining, evaluating, celebrating, consoling, and a million other critical functions. As the principalship has evolved and grown, so have the expectations of it. With that in mind, ASCD developed the Principal Leadership Development Framework (PLDF). The PLDF establishes a clear and concise definition of leadership and includes clear targets that support the ongoing growth and development of leaders. Using the Framework, principals will learn to capitalize on their leadership roles: * Principal as Visionary * Principal as Instructional Leader * Principal as Engager * Principal as Learner and Collaborator The PLDF also offers 17 criteria of effective practice that allow
leaders to focus on behaviors that have the greatest direct effect on the culture and status of learning and teaching. Coupled with the PLDF are tools for self-reflection that help principals identify and strengthen their reflective habits. Whether you want to develop your own capacities or support the development of a group of principals, assistant principals, or aspiring principals, The Principal Influence can help channel your efforts in ways that promote successful teaching and student learning.

Enhance learning with a collaborative, inquiry-based system of leadership! This practical guide presents a systematic, ongoing process for collecting information, making decisions, and taking action in order to improve instruction and raise student achievement. The authors illustrate a collaborative inquiry-action cycle within a real-world context and offer questions and exercises to guide individual reflection and group discussion. Thoroughly grounded in research, this book helps administrators: Identify areas for instructional improvement Determine community-supported solutions and build stakeholder commitment Articulate an action plan based on multiple data sources Take steps that support teacher development Systematically evaluate program results

This book shows principals how to successfully balance the needs and priorities of their schools while continuously developing and refining their leadership skills.

The Principal: Leadership for a Global Society is the core textbook for aspiring and practicing K-12 school principals. Taking a practical and research-grounded approach, this inspiring text prepares school leaders to successfully face the challenges that they will deal with on a day-to-day basis and throughout their careers. From curriculum development to staff development to policy and discipline, it addresses the most up-to-date practices in developing leadership skills. The book provides a wide array of pedagogical features to help practicing and aspiring school principals improve programs, create a safer and more enriching environment for students and faculty; meet school, district, community, state, and national ideologies and standards; and much more. After reading The Principal, the educational leaders of tomorrow will be equipped with innovative, practical, and successful leadership concepts and ideas that will help them make a powerful impact on not just those who walk through the school doors, but the community as well.

What does it take to be a good school principal? No two principals work in exactly the same way, but research shows that effective principals do focus on a core set of factors that are critical to fostering success for all students. In Qualities of Effective Principals, James H. Stronge, Holly B. Richard, and Nancy Catano delineate these factors and show principals how to successfully balance the needs and priorities of their school and continuously develop and refine their leadership skills. Throughout the book, the authors provide readers with helpful tools and extensive research that will help them to *Develop a blueprint for sustained school leadership *Create an effective school climate for learning *Select, support, and retain high-quality teachers and staff *Assess instructional high quality *Build a foundation for organizational management *Create, maintain, and strengthen community relationships *Make contributions to the professional educational community *Define their critical role in student achievement This book also includes practical skills checklists, quality indicators and red flags for effective leadership, and an extensive annotated bibliography. Qualities of Effective Principals is an excellent resource for both experienced and new principals committed to developing and leading strong schools that help all students succeed.

Research has shown that strong principal leadership is critical to developing effective school partnerships that include diverse school, family and community members. This book provides administrators with a clear road map for initiating partnership programs that are goal-focused, equitable, and sustainable. In this research-based resource, the authors highlight the work of principals who have cultivated successful partnerships across many settings to show other school leaders how they can develop the necessary supportive school cultures. Examining the administrator's role in the success and quality of home-school partnerships and student outcomes, this guidebook: Synthesizes research on principal leadership, school and community partnerships, and urban education reform Discusses the role of fathers in children's learning and working with families that live in poverty, are linguistically diverse, or have children with disabilities Offers practical recommendations for evaluating and refining partnership programs to ensure they are linked with student achievement goals

Treating principals as concurrently visionary leaders and competent managers, this excellent text addresses the needs of aspiring and practicing principals, providing the tools to build effective and efficient schools.

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This groundbreaking study fills a significant gap in educational research literature as it explores the problem of persistent and pervasive underachievement by African-American students in the public schools of the United States. Teacher quality, school resources, socio-economic status of students, cultural relevance of curriculum, and school leadership are a few of the factors that contribute to achievement or the lack of it by these students. Lomotey focuses on the impact of the African-American principal's leadership, its effect on the academic achievement of African-American students, and the day-to-day activities associated with school leadership. An early chapter reviews relevant research focusing on the connection between principal leadership and academic achievement in general. The extracted recurring qualities then form the basis for exploring whether African-American principals in more successful African-American schools possess the specific qualities suggested by the research. Lomotey finds that three additional and important characteristics are shared by his sample of principals: a deep commitment to the education of African-American children; a strong compassion for and understanding of both their students and the local community; and a sincere confidence in the ability of all African-American children to learn. The text is enhanced by two dozen tables that present the information discussed. An early chapter details the study's methodology with an overview and discussion of sampling and measurement procedures. Useful to students of educational administration, African American Principals: School Leadership and Success will also be of value in courses focusing on urban studies, school effectiveness, and school leadership. Black Studies programs addressing African-American education in America will find this a most necessary text. African-American educators—scholars and practitioners—as well as parents, community leaders, and other lay people will profit from the up-to-the-minute insights presented here.

This study documents actions of Wallace Foundation grantees to create more-cohesive policies and initiatives to improve instructional leadership in schools; describes how states and districts have worked together to forge such policies and initiatives; and examines the hypothesis that cohesive systems improve school leadership. Such efforts appear to be a promising approach to developing school principals engaged in improving instruction.

This book is undertaken by the author who has personally walked the journey of a classroom teacher, middle leader and school principal in the Singapore education system. It is a culmination of two research projects undertaken in two phases -- the first is derived from the PhD Thesis entitled The Making of School Principals in Singapore and the second is based on interviews with school principals who have retired from the Singapore education system. Both research projects provide invaluable input to describe the four career phases of school leadership, that is, formation, accession, incumbency, and divestiture. This research describes how the formative years of a school principal have tremendous impact on who the principal is, and how the values and beliefs of an aspiring/potential school leader serve to guide him/her in taking on the principalship post. This well-structured book is both exploratory and descriptive. It provides the necessary background for anyone interested in understanding school leadership as a career. More specifically, it will be of value to educators and stakeholders interested in understanding the nature of school leadership in the Singapore education system. Contents: Introduction The Singapore Education System Literature Review Research Methodology and Design The Formative Years Accesion: On Becoming a School Principal Incumbency Divestiture Discussion Conclusion Readership: Researchers, students and the general public who are interested in understanding the nature of school leadership in the Singapore education system. Keywords: Principalship;School Leadership;Case Studies;Singapore Education System;Teaching CareerReview: Key Features: This book is written from the perspectives of a practitioner researcher. The author has served as a classroom teacher, middle leader and principal in the Singapore education system in addition to being a trainer and people developer in school leadership programmes in the National Institute of Education, NTU The life stories of school leaders and retired principals will be informative to serving principals The life stories of first time principals and experienced school leaders can be useful for teaching aspiring middle leaders and school principals.
Leadership introduces a new unifying approach that is also highlighted in Leverage Leadership 2.0: See It, Name It, Do It. It gives you the tools to See it (see models of effective practice and identify gaps), Name it (name concrete actions for improvement) and Do it (provide means to practice these action steps until a principal masters them) With A Principal Manager’s Guide to Leverage Leadership in hand, principal managers, superintendents and principal training organizations can facilitate district-wide and state-wide transformations and hasten the benefit to the students and community as a whole.

This dissertation, “The Relationship Between the Principal’s Leadership Style and School Effectiveness: a Case Study of a Primary School” by Wai-hung, Sun, 孫偉雄, was obtained from The University of Hong Kong (Pokfulam, Hong Kong) and is being sold pursuant to Creative Commons: Attribution 3.0 Hong Kong License. The content of this dissertation has not been altered in any way. We have altered the formatting in order to facilitate the ease of printing and reading of the dissertation. All rights not granted by the above license are retained by the author. Abstract: Abstract A large body of research suggests there is a strong link between effective leadership and effective organizations (Lezotte, 1997; Sergiovanni, 1995; Bolman & Deal, 1994; Boyan, 1988; Griffiths, 1988). Hogan, Curphy, and Hogan (1999) assert that ‘a growing body of evidence supports the common sense belief that leadership matters’ (p.34). Fullan (2002) says that schools need leaders who can change ‘what people in the organization value and how they work together to accomplish’ (p.19). Meanwhile Beach and Reinhartz (2000) note that ‘leadership is essential to promoting student achievement and creating a vision for success for the total educational program’ (P.72). The principal is the critical person who makes the decisions that affect people's lives. We believe that the interactive relationship between the principal and various constituencies, including teachers, students and parents, is important in achieving the goals and objectives of the school. However, there are indications in the research primary school that school effectiveness has not improved since the appointment of a new principal three years ago. Although he adopted a more participatory leadership style that involved teachers in advising about or actually making decisions concerning school business, the school did not have any positive effect as the theory argued. Therefore, it arouses my interest in investigating the underlying reasons. In this paper, the different styles of leadership of the former and present principals will be discussed and the perception of the leadership of the two principals by teachers will be given. In addition, this paper will also present the extent to which the school was effective under the leadership of the two principals and how the two leadership styles have impacted on the effectiveness of the school. DOI: 10.5353/th_b3762388 Subjects: Elementary school principals - China - Hong Kong - Case studies Educational leadership - China - Hong Kong - Case studies School management and organization - China - Hong Kong - Case studies

What are the direct and indirect influences of principals on student achievement? How do successful principals motivate others? What kinds of relationships do they have with parents, students, and staff? Principals and Student Achievement identifies 26 essential traits and behaviors of effective principals to show how they achieve success as instructional leaders. Based on a review of 81 key research articles from the last 20 years, this concise book examines how certain practices can affect student achievement, including: * Communication and interaction * Classroom observation and feedback to teachers * Recognition of student and staff achievement * Dedication to a safe and orderly school environment * Support of professional development of staff * Role modeling The book also reviews differences in instructional leadership between elementary and secondary principals, male and female principals, principals in high- and low-socioeconomic-status schools, and more. We all know that principals are important to student success, but few people have pinpointed exactly how they make a positive difference. At a time when principals are being asked to do more for school reform and accountability, Principals and Student Achievement provides a valuable resource for identifying what it takes to be an effective principal and, in turn, an effective school.

Unlike other books on the subject, this exploration of the principal as leader -- rather than as manager -- offers a variety of perspectives by well-known education authorities. It explores the dimensions of school leadership both in theory and in practice and demonstrates how principals can substantially improve instruction. Discusses the nature of leadership and new challenges that must be faced; the effective use of computers as a management and instructional tool; and how principals can help improve instruction -- based on their own behavior, the climate of the school, and the improvement of instructional practice. Covers a multitude of issues -- e.g., the decentralization of decision-making to school sites, restructuring the curriculum to become more responsive to children's needs, the implications that demographic shifts have on school programming, human resource development, and the legal and ethical framework surrounding the issues. Includes a case study or application in each chapter. For those preparing to be school executives.

Based on an OECD study of school leadership practices and policies around the world, this book identifies four policy levers and a range of policy options to help governments improve school leadership now and build sustainable leadership for the future.

This popular book has been thoroughly updated for its fourth edition, and is even more directed towards the leadership demands on managers, both within the school and in its community setting.

This edited volume examines innovative ways of preparing, supervising, and evaluating principals and explores factors that
promote effective leadership practices. Chapter authors consider how principals' leadership practices affect teachers' instruction, satisfaction, commitment, retention, and effectiveness, and present evidence that principals can influence key student outcomes as well. Covering topics such as school leaders' use of time, their efforts to reduce implicit bias, how leadership practices are associated with teachers' workplace attitudes, leadership and student achievement, and how school leaders can best be supported under new federal legislation, this volume is a "must read" for educational leadership and policy faculty, school and district administrators, and researchers committed to promoting effective principal leadership.

Describes a variety of leadership responsibilities that have an effect on student achievement.

This book is an essential for providers and students of postgraduate level courses in educational management resource and for leadership development provision for head teacher induction programs, NPQH and LPSh. It is also suitable for short courses and for practitioners occupying or aspiring to leadership roles in schools, colleges and other educational organizations.

A successful administrator is one who applies suitable or appropriate leadership styles in various situations or contexts. It is crucial to investigate how effective administrators lead their organizations in challenging and difficult times, as well as promote the accomplishments of their organization. Predictive Models for School Leadership and Practices is an essential reference source that discusses academic administration as well as administrative effectiveness in achieving organizational goals. Featuring research on topics such as teacher collaboration, school crisis management, and ITC integration, this book is ideally designed for principals, researchers, academics, educational policymakers, and teachers seeking coverage on academic leadership and leadership models.

Enhance your capacity for antiracist leadership! The COVID 19 pandemic has illuminated deep-seated structural inequities in our schools and across society. More than ever, education leaders are being challenged to take action to disrupt the institutional racism that undergirds many of our longstanding policies and practices. Our students are challenging us to step up and be antiracists who commit to the uncompromising belief all children can learn and deserve an exceptional education. Based on 10 years of work leading the Institute for Courageous Principal Leadership, this book guides leaders to expanding their racial consciousness through self-reflection and provides the tools they need to counter implicit bias and respond to resistance. Grounded in research, but written in practitioner-friendly language, this book: Focuses on systemic leadership and institutional failures as the source of predictable student outcomes Leverages research and theory to create a process for principals to build racially equitable practices Navigates the politics of leadership without compromising student achievement The practical lessons and strategies in this book will equip you with the skills to implement the leadership and actions that must be taken to confront the reality of systemic racism in education and transform schools into learning environments with a student-centered commitment to high achievement for every learner.

The authors provide principals with the tools needed to help teachers and staff enhance their skills and improve student learning.

The Handbook of Leadership and Administration for Special Education brings together research informing practice in leading special education from preschool through transition into postsecondary settings. The second edition of this comprehensive handbook has been fully updated to provide coverage of disability policy, historical roots, policy and legal perspectives, as well as effective, collaborative, and instructional leadership practices that support the administration of special education. It can be used as a reference volume for scholars, administrators, practitioners, and policy makers, as well as a textbook for graduate courses related to the administration of special education.

The primary purpose of the book is to provide practicing principals and others to meet the challenges related to learning leadership. The book serves as a guide for ensuring the accomplishment of the goal of establishing a learning culture in the school. Persons who use the book will gain the knowledge and skills that are required for becoming an effective learning-leader in practice.

Learn from schools that have made meaningful, positive, and lasting changes! The author presents an in-depth look at eight schools, winners of the National School Change Awards, that have transformed from low-performing into exemplary national status. Smith uses qualitative research, specific examples, and portraiture to offer an inside view of the day-to-day dynamics of school change. This insightful book examines questions such as: Why are some schools able to change while other schools cannot? Why are people challenged by change? What is the best way to measure change? What professional characteristics must principals develop to bring about significant and sustainable change?

The purposes of this study were to (1) identify key principal leadership skills associated proactive school environments, (2) examine the relationship between SW-PBS implementation and increased evidence of those skills, (3) examine the relationship between evidence of those skills and improved staff job satisfaction, and (4) examine leadership variables associated with SW-PBS and recommendations from the field. In Phase I, descriptive analysis of the literature resulted in the
identification of 31 key principal leadership skills. In Phase II, a questionnaire developed for the study was administered. Findings indicated certified staff and principals from all schools rated the importance of each of the 31 skills highly, principals in SW-PBS schools received significantly higher ratings associated with behavior management effectiveness and principals from SW-PBS and non-PBS schools received relatively equivalent ratings in regard to transformational and managerial skills. In Phase III, SW-PBS certified staff respondents indicated statistically significant greater rates of job satisfaction than did those in non-PBS schools. In Phase IV, the predictive ability for job satisfaction in relation to principal behavior management skills and SW-PBS status were simultaneously examined. Principal behavior management skills were found to be the most statistically significant indicator of certified staff job satisfaction.

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This book uses a series of dialogues between a novice and a master teacher, and between a new and seasoned principal to view common challenges and to solve their most difficult problems. The authors demonstrate how framing, and then reframing challenges brings clarity, helps to anticipate problems, and leads to more comprehensive and powerful leadership strategies.

Preparing Principals for a Changing World provides a hands-on resource for creating and implementing effective policies and programs for developing expert school leaders. Written by acclaimed author and educator Linda Darling-Hammond and experts Debra Meyerson, Michelle LaPointe, and Margaret Terry Orr, this important book examines the characteristics of successful educational leadership programs and offers concrete recommendations to improve programs nationwide. In a study funded by the Wallace Foundation, Darling-Hammond and the team examined eight exemplary principal development programs, as well as state policies and principals' experiences across the country. Using the data from the study, they reveal how successful programs are structured, the skills and knowledge participants gain, and what they are able to do in practice as school leaders as a result. What do these exemplary programs have in common? Aggressive recruitment; close ties with schools in the community; on-the-ground training under the wing of expert principals, and a strong emphasis on the cutting-edge theories of instructional and transformational leadership. In addition to highlighting the programs' similarities, the study also explains the differences among the programs and sheds light on the effectiveness of approaches and models from different states and contexts?East, West, North, and South; urban and rural; pre-service and in-service. The authors analyze program outcomes for principals and their schools, including illustrative case studies and educators' voices on the influence of programs' strategies for recruitment, internships, mentoring, and coursework. The ideas and suggestions outlined in Preparing Principals for a Changing World are presented with the goal of increasing the number of highly qualified, thoughtful, and innovative educational leaders.

Your shortcut to success for inspired school leadership! Tap your greatest leadership potential and quickly get on track to meeting today's complicated challenges with this follow up to the best-selling Learning Forward Book of the Year. Newly updated and revised, these short, inspiration-infused nuggets of actionable advice provide a path to effective leadership for all. New features include: Newly added Book 5, focused on solid data systems and achievable results Over 150 convenient, closely integrated daily contemplations to carry anywhere Succint, up-to-date research for creative solutions to leadership challenges, change, and professional development Updated references and quotes

Exceptional management skills are crucial to success in educational environments. As school leaders, principals are expected to effectively supervise the school system while facing a multitude of issues and demands. Multidimensional Perspectives on Principal Leadership Effectiveness combines best practices and the latest approaches in school administration and management. Exploring the challenges faced by principals, as well as the impact of new managerial tactics being employed, this book is a comprehensive reference publication for policymakers, academicians, researchers, students, school practitioners, and government officials seeking current and emerging research on administrative leadership in educational settings.

Practices tools, and strategies for building a thriving school community.

Gerault, Jeanette D. “The Relationship Between Leadership Skills of Elementary School Principals and School Climate.” Unpublished Doctoral Thesis, University of Houston, May, 2013. Abstract As state and federal accountability standards demand that schools show adequate progress for school improvement, principals have found it more difficult to find the time and resources needed to adequately focus on school culture and climate. The purpose of this descriptive statistics study was to determine the relationship between elementary school principals' leadership skills and school climate. Perceptions of school leadership and school climate were measured by an employee perception survey developed within a large, diverse, suburban district in the state of Texas. The data were collected from elementary school campuses with varying demographics, located
within the same school district. The design of the research involved descriptive statistics and frequencies to investigate the possible relationship between perceived school climate and perceived principal leadership skills. The intent of this descriptive statistics study was to clarify educators' understanding of important phenomena by identifying relationships among variables, school climate, and leadership skills. As previous researchers have related school climate to principal leadership and behaviors (Bulach, Booth, & Pickett, 1998; Peterson, 1990), this research concurred that there is, indeed, a relationship between the leadership skills of the principal and the school's climate. This study was significant because the behaviors of the building principal have been linked to the school climate, thus telling practitioners that effective leadership is critical. In order to develop a climate of autonomy, cohesiveness, adequate communication, and focused goals, principals must develop leadership skills focused on respect, instructional leadership, effective communication, shared decision making, and valuing the contributions of others.

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