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A proven framework for whole-school improvement The School Leadership Playbook is a practical guide for education leaders looking to push their school’s and students’ achievement to the next level. Developed by renowned leadership preparation program New Leaders, the Transformational Leadership Framework focuses on the five categories that drive a school to success: Learning and Teaching, School Culture, Talent Management, Operations and Systems, and Personal Leadership. This book illustrates how each of these factors contributes to breakthrough gains, and outlines a plan for implementing changes in your own school. You’ll learn how to accurately diagnose the current state of your school’s academics and culture and create an action plan for the year ahead. The TLF is grounded in the latest research and case studies of the highest-gaining turnaround schools, and shows you the specific actions you can take to attract, retain, and support high-performing teachers; improve school culture; successfully involve parents and the community; and ultimately drive student success. New Leaders developed the UEF to pinpoint what schools achieving significant student academic gains were doing, and how they were doing it. This book provides a practical breakdown of the framework to help you begin leading these changes in your own school. Ensure rigorous goal- and data-driven teaching and learning Build and manage a high-performance faculty aligned to the school’s vision Implement effective and efficient operations and systems Model the tone you would like to see from students and teachers school-wide By matching the needs of the school to effective principal actions and school practices, leaders can create a plan for transformational change.

Transformational leaders have four distinctive skills: strong communication, the ability to build trust, the ability to increase the skills of those they lead, and a results orientation. Time for Change offers powerful guidance for those seeking to develop and strengthen the educational leadership skills needed for change management. Throughout this authoritative guide, Anthony Muhammad and Luis F. Cruz share concrete tools and strategies that will prepare you to lead your school toward lasting, meaningful change. Use this educational leadership book to inspire a shared vision and overcome resistance to change. Develop an understanding of leadership as a skill that can be practiced and improved. Consider three questions of transformational leadership (Why? Who? How?) and then Do! Learn about the technical and cultural dimensions of change and the ways in which both must be addressed. Understand the reasons behind resistance to change and how to manage it through effective leadership. Synthesize your skills as a school leader and utilize them to effect strategic change. Contents: Introduction Chapter 1: Finding Balance for Systems Change Chapter 2: Communicating the Rationale – Building Cognitive Investment Chapter 3: Establishing Trust – Making an Emotional Investment Chapter 4: Building Capacity – Making a Functional Investment Chapter 5: Getting Results – Collecting the Return on Investment Chapter 6: Tying It All Together References and Resources

Transformational Leadership provides the reader with a background of meaningful and purposeful leadership, and the building blocks of the learning organisation. These concepts are applied to the values and the operation of the Individualised Education Program team so schools can demonstrate special education effectiveness.

EDITORS This introduction to the International Handbook of Educational Lead ership and Administration describes some of the motivation for developing the book and several assumptions on which is based much of the work represented in its 31 chapters. A synopsis of the contents of those chapters is also provided. SOME KEY ASSUMPTIONS It is sometimes suggested that the search for an adequate understanding of leadership is doomed to fail. After all, there is little evidence of agreement about the concept in spite of prodigious efforts dating back hundreds if not thousands of years. Such a view is captured, for example, in Bennis’ observation that: Of all the hazy and confounding areas in social psychology, leadership theory undoubtedly contends for top nomination. Probably more has been written and less is known about lead ership than any other topic in the behavioural sciences. (1959, page 259) We do not find this state of affairs discouraging (nor entirely accurate) and, of course, it did not prevent Bennis from proceeding either. One reason for our desire to continue in the face of such discouraging words is that a great deal of leadership research aspires to develop a general theory, a theory which applies to all or most domains of organized human activity. This aspiration inevitably produces decontextualized and, therefore, abstract categories of practice. Howard Gardner’s (1995) depiction of leadership as story telling is a case in point.

Author’s abstract: Education reform has reached new levels of urgency and accountability over the last decade. The role a principal plays in leading the direction of a school is of vital importance. Leadership theories suggest that transformational leadership is the best way to achieve the goals of schools in the 21st century. Educational leadership programs try to emphasize transformational leadership skill, but these schools need to identify transformational leaders before they enter into school leadership. Dispositions are innate qualities and not necessarily a skill that can be taught by educational leadership programs. The purpose of this study is to identify dispositions of transformational leaders in Georgia high schools. A total of eight interviews have been completed of transformational high school principals in the state of Georgia. This qualitative study highlights

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This exciting book explores the concept of transformative leadership and how leaders can create learning environments that are academically excellent, equitable, inclusive, and socially just. Grounded in research and real examples, Dr. Carolyn Shields presents an approach to leadership that is engaged, authentic, courageous, and effective in addressing the needs of today's diverse student bodies. Featuring examples from schools and leaders, questions for reflection, downloadable e-resources, and links to useful websites, Becoming a Transformative Leader is an invaluable and practical guide for school administrators, teacher leaders, and district leaders concerned about the uneven educational playing field for students in our schools.

A strengths-based approach to change for Administrators, Teachers and Guidance Counselors, this Second Edition is an expanded version of the transformational aspect of education that acknowledges the background and capacity of the staff, the teacher, and the learner. The curriculum becomes a vehicle to move the learner in a positive direction based on prior knowledge and maturity. This book provides a structure to nurture relationships between the system oversight, the principal, the teachers, the students, and the parents in a four-step model known as form storm norm - perform. This path to positive change is needed to adopt, deploy and ultimately bring about constructive change in the teaching/learning process. All involved in the educational arena must feel comfortable with the process and be open to new thinking and learning patterns for beneficial change to become a reality.

Designing and managing learning-school organizations that can sustain a competitive advantage in this fast-changing environment demands transformative leaders primed and ready to build upon the intellectual capital for the future.

The continuing demand for greater accountability and improved student performance are critical concerns facing education in the 21st century. Federal and state mandates have been issued to ensure that all students achieve mastery of curriculum objectives. This quantitative study examined the relationships among student achievement as measured by the overall student proficiency in science on the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) Test and teacher perceptions of transformational leadership practices of Michigan high school principals and school culture. A correlational research design was used for this study. A total of 157 teachers, representing 147 unique high schools completed an online survey measuring perceptions of their principal's transformational leadership practices and school culture. The items on the Transformational Leadership Practices survey and the School Culture Survey were used in a principal components factor analysis with a varimax rotation. Four factors, transformational leadership, collaborative school culture, professional learning, and ethical leadership, emerged from the factor analysis. Multiple linear regression analysis using a backward variable entry method was used to determine which school demographics were related to the four subscales measuring transformational leadership practices and school culture. A multiple linear regression analysis was used to determine which of the transformational leadership practices, school culture, and school demographics could be used to predict science outcomes on the M-STEP science test. Seven major conclusions include (a) transformational leaders are more likely to support professional learning, (b) transformational leaders are more likely to have a collaborative school culture, (c) transformational leadership practices have both an indirect and direct effect on professional learning and collaborative culture, (d) transformational leadership practices are more likely to be used by female principals, (e) transformational leadership practices are less likely to be used in schools with a large population of special needs students, and (f) transformational leadership practices and school culture are not related to student achievement; however, transformational leadership practices could have indirect and direct effects on alternative measurements of student achievement. Future research, such as a qualitative study involving teacher interviews could investigate which transformational leadership practices resulted in a collaborative school culture and supported professional learning.

This book, which is part of the Institute of Educational Leadership (IEL), University of Malaya book publication series, is written to help students better understand their research in Transformational and Distributed Leadership. The first objective is to provide access and visibility on past Transformational and Distributed Leadership Dissertations and Thesis at IEL to the public and other Higher Education Institutions, local and international. The second objective is to provide quick facts and information to postgraduate students in their quest for past dissertations and thesis. Thus, this will save time spent searching for each dissertation and thesis separately. The structure of the book is based on the students' interest and need. The original full text of these dissertations and thesis can be accessed through the QR code provided at the end of each chapter. Future postgraduate students interested in Transformational and Distributed Leadership will also find this book useful. The book highlights what sort of research was done before, what kind of research is expected on Transformational and Distributed Leadership and finally how can they write a research proposal with a clear goal in mind.

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clarifies and elaborates the concept, linking it to other theories including ways of thinking about curriculum and pedagogy to prepare leaders for a more transformative role. &lt;I&gt;Transformative Leadership: A Reader provides examples of studies conducted using the lens of transformative leadership as well as of research re-analyzed through its perspective.

How to bring out the best in your staff—and in yourself How do we attract and retain high-quality teachers? This text offers a refreshing alternative to the portfolio and high-stakes accountability models of school improvement. Based on the successful methods of Dealous Cox, this book describes a leadership philosophy based on the search for wisdom through personal reflection and community. The authors share their experience with this leadership style and document the sustainable results of transformational leaders working with teachers as partners rather than adversaries. These results include: Consistently improved teacher performance Improved teacher quality Greater professional satisfaction for teachers Stronger community support for schools

LISTENING . . . THE KEY TO BECOMING A TRANSFORMATIVE SCHOOL LEADER The Listening Leader is a practical guide that will inspire school, district, and teacher leaders to make substantive change and increase equitable student outcomes. Rooted in the values of equity, relationships, and listening, this luminous book helps reimage what is possible in education today. Drawing from more than twenty years of experience in public schools, Shane Safir incorporates hands-on strategies and powerful stories to show us how to leverage one of the most vital tools of leadership: listening. As a Listening Leader you’ll feel more confident in these core competencies: Cultivating relationships with stakeholders Addressing equity challenges Managing organizational change Gathering student, staff, and parent perspectives rich data on improvement Fostering a thriving culture of collaboration and innovation The Listening Leader offers a much-needed leadership model to transform every facet of school life, and most importantly, to shape our schools into equitable places of learning. As Michael Fullan writes in the Foreword, “Read it, act on it, and reap the benefits for all.” “This book is a ‘must have’ for any leader trying to move the needle on equity. Drawing from her lived experience as a principal and leadership coach, Safir offers stories that give insight and practical strategies that get results. It’s one you’ll keep coming back to.” —Zaretta Hammond, author of Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain “The Listening Leader immediately changed the way I interact with students, teachers, families and community members.” —Tamara Friedman, assistant principal, Berkeley High School “Shane Safir has written a brilliant book. As engaging as it is informative and as revelatory as it is relevant. It is a must-read for school leaders and those who aspire to lead.” —Chris Emdin, associate professor of science education, Teachers College, Columbia University; author of For White Folks Who Teach In the Hood and the Rest of Ya’ll too

Developing Rural School Leaders combines a focus on rural education and school leadership development to illustrate how the teaching and learning conditions in rural schools can be enhanced through transformative leadership coaching. By unpacking literature related to rural school leadership development and using case studies to authentically illustrate the complexities involved in rural school leadership development, this book explores how leaders can develop their abilities to increase data-informed instructional decision making, create a culture that supports teaching and learning, and develop other leaders. Ultimately, this important book concludes with an exploration of the opportunities and challenges of developing rural school leaders.

Make change humanly possible When we ask schools to change, we are asking human beings to change and this requires special tools and a human-centered approach. Change the heart of the system by enabling the hearts and minds of those who make schools work. Learn to make sense of challenging change journeys and accelerate implementation with this practical framework that includes human-centered tools, resources and mini case studies. Understand why resistance is to be expected and how to get through it. Discover three different kinds of change strategies and when to use which one Learn how to use the “messy middle” of change, where real transformation happens. “Julie Wilson dares to turn common sense into an action plan. This is an urgent, important book for all educators and parents.” Seth Godin, Author “Julie Wilson is both a visionary and a pragmatist. Her book is a wonderfully clear and concise guide for leaders who seek to navigate the road to educational transformation.” Tony Wagner, Author

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Bridge the achievement gap with proven strategies for student success Breakthrough Principals debunks the myth of the ‘superhero’ principal by detailing the common actions and practices of leaders at our nation’s fastest-gaining public schools. Based on the authors’ Transformational Leadership Framework, which they developed through in-depth study of more than 100 high-gaining, high-poverty schools, the book distills findings into a practical, action-focused guide for diagnosing school needs and implementing structures, systems and practices that accelerate student achievement. Brought to life by case studies of principals who have led dramatic gains in student achievement, the book is a how-to guide for increasing the quality of teaching and learning; improving school culture; attracting and supporting high-performing teachers; and involving parents and community to help students achieve. You’ll learn how breakthrough principals make the school’s mission a real part of both strategy and practice, and set up sustainable systems that support consistent, ongoing improvement. High-impact practices are organized into five broad categories: learning and teaching, school-wide culture, aligned staff, operations and systems, and personal leadership. The primary job of school leadership is to help students succeed. It begins with first recognizing and prioritizing areas of need, then finding and implementing the most effective solutions. Whether you work in a turn around environment, or want to make a good school better, this book will give you a set of concrete practices—illustrated through examples of real principals in real schools—that have been proven to work. Discover the primary drivers of student achievement Work toward the school’s vision in staffing, operations, and systems Set the tone for all relationships and practices with good leadership Closing the achievement gap is a major goal of educational leadership, and principals are forever searching for viable methods that help better them serve their students. Breakthrough Principals unveils the details behind the success stories from across the nation to provide a roadmap to transformative gains.

New Perspectives in Educational Leadership examines educational administration and leadership within the complex social, political, and community contexts that inform and influence the work of today’s educational leaders. With particular attention to the implications and larger contexts of shifting demographics, high-stakes accountability, and globalization on schools and society in the twenty-first century, this volume seeks to advance lines of inquiry presented in other areas of education research, that have yet to be fully explored or imagined in the field of educational leadership. This unique blend of empirical, theoretical, and conceptual research by both established and emerging scholars in the field directly acknowledges and addresses the demands of leading increasingly diverse and complex school communities. Topics include: the social and cultural dynamics of leadership, reflective practice, politics of equity and adequacy, critical servant leadership, and the possibilities of transformative leadership within these dynamic educational contexts. As a primary or supplementary text in educational administration, leadership, and foundations courses, New Perspectives in Educational Leadership provides a much-needed complement to the traditional topics of instructional leadership and education management given the expanding and increasingly complex conditions that face educational administrators and school leaders today.

Children in today’s world are inundated with information about who to be, what to do and how to live. But what if there was a way to teach children how to manage priorities, focus on goals and be a positive influence on
the world around them? The Leader in Meis that programme. It’s based on a hugely successful initiative carried out at the A.B. Combs Elementary School in North Carolina. To hear the parents of A. B Combs talk about the school is to be amazed. In 1999, the school debuted a programme that taught The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People to a pilot group of students. The parents reported an incredible change in their children, who blossomed under the programme. By the end of the following year the average end-of-grade scores for children from 84 to 94. This book will launch the programme onto a much larger platform. Stephen R. Covey takes the 7 Habits, that have already changed the lives of millions of people, and shows how children can use them as they develop. Those habits – be proactive, begin with the end in mind, put first things first, think win-win, seek to understand and then to be understood, synergize, and sharpen the saw – are critical skills to learn at a young age and bring incredible results, proving that it’s never too early to teach someone how to live well.

Urban education has both internal and external challenges that place inner city students at an extreme disadvantage. They are at risk of educational equity and access to knowledge and skills necessary to compete in a constantly evolving global society (Oakes, Franke, Quartz, Rogers, 2002). Jean Anyon (2005), identifies failed, short-term educational policies such as urban family dynamics, and underprepared teachers and principals as secondary contributors of the ills of urban education. This challenge is compounded by the majority of students living in poverty not having their basic needs met before they begin school each day. One of the major challenges in urban education lies within student leadership. In many schools teachers feel isolated from colleagues, school leadership and the community. The role of the principal over time has drastically evolved from a managerial role to an instructional leader role (Dhuey and Smith, 2014). This requires principals to become change agents that will challenge teachers to explore new and innovative ways of approaching teaching. The purpose of this study is to examine leaders and faculty of secondary urban schools that provide a culture of commitment to high levels of collegiality, high expectations, and professional learning. This research will illustrate how leaders in urban, secondary schools transform the cultures of schools and raise the commitment levels of teachers while sustaining academic gains for students. This research will search for evidence of a school environment conducive to the real world challenges of the twenty first century urban education. The specific form of qualitative research that will be used is a collective case study. In this case study, maximum-variation sampling was chosen to enable the researcher to identify secondary schools with sustained cultures of high academic performance, located in urban areas as a means to study schools. Teacher leaders will be selected by implementing a maximum variation of sampling technique, identifying a group of teachers that have expertise in diversity to create a heterogeneous sampling group. The Multifactor Leadership Questionnaire (Appendix 1) will be used to evaluate the leadership styles of Principals. The tool will allow individuals to measure their perceptions of their leadership behaviors by utilizing a self-leadership form (Avolio and Bass, 2004). For the purpose of this research, focus groups will be grouped with teachers from improved secondary, urban schools, which are under corrective action status by the state department of education and Principals from similar schools, which utilize transformational leadership methods in their practice.

This book examines leadership in a practical way by helping principals, heads, teachers and parents establish their roles and responsibilities and get to grips with the unique leadership requirements of schools.

Emerging from an education world that sees professional learning as a tool to positively shape teaching practice in order to improve student learning, Transformational Professional Learning elucidates professional learning that is transformational for teachers, school leaders, and schools. Written from the unique ‘pracademic’ perspective of an author who is herself a practising teacher, school leader, and researcher, this book articulates the why and what of professional learning. It acts as a bridge between research and practice by weaving scholarly literature together with the lived experience of the author and with the voices of those working in schools. It covers topics from conferences, coaching, and collaboration, to teacher standards and leadership of professional learning. This book questions the ways in which professional learning is often wielded in educational settings and shows where teachers, school leaders, system leaders, and researchers can best invest their time and resources in order to support and develop the individuals, teams, and cultures in schools.

It will be of great interest to teachers, leaders within schools, staff responsible for professional learning in school contexts, professional learning consultants, professional learning providers, and education researchers.

Framed by real stories and grounded in research, the second edition of Transformative Leadership in Education presents an alternative approach to leadership that is engaged, active, and courageous. Noted scholar Carolyn M. Shields explores the concept of transformational leadership and its potential to create learning environments that are academically excellent, equitable, inclusive, and socially just, even in the face of the volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous world of education today. Chapters combine contemporary research findings with stories of schools, leaders, students, teachers, and community members to demonstrate that transformational leadership can promote academic achievement, family and community empowerment, democratic engagement, and global citizenship. This exciting text will appeal to all aspiring and practicing leaders who want to prepare students to be successful, caring, and engaged citizens of the global community. New in this edition: Updated end-of-chapter guiding questions to help readers reflect on their own practice and to apply the concepts in their own contexts. Enriched discussion of the interrelationships among the eight tenets of transformative leadership and leading for social justice. Elaborated discussion of the need for reflection, grounding, and spiritual connections on the part of transformative leaders. Expanded discussion of refugee and transgender students. Supplemental eResources to prompt further dialogue and reflection, downloadable at www.roudledge.com/9781138633773

Presenting leadership of educational change in higher education as a dynamic, collaborative, and evolving area, Delivering Educational Change in Higher Education provides rich examples of how new ways of working are being adopted and adapted. It brings together leaders and practitioners, as authors and readers, to share their experiences of whole organisational change. Across the chapters, common threads highlight the importance of organisational context, of shared or distributed leadership, and the critical need for continuous learning in and on action by reflective readers. Linking case studies to a range of practical models and theories, this book: Explores established paradigms and models of change management and leadership. Offers examples from a diverse range of institutional contexts. Models critical reflective practice in the leadership of educational change. Addresses the future of educational developers working collaboratively with an increasingly diverse higher education workforce. Providing rare insights into ‘the what’ and ‘the how’ of change management and leadership, this book will be of interest to senior managers, educators, programme leaders, and educational developers who are all working in collaborative ways to enact positive change for student learning and experience.

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Using the principles of transformational leadership, IEP teams become effective tools to ensure student success and achievements. There is a difference of teams that are simply chaired and those that are lead. Teams with transformational leaders promote the best efforts of all participants including parents and students to effectively deliver special education services that meet real student outcomes. Using a step-by-step approach to developing the IEP, improving team function and producing Great IEPs, schools and districts can demonstrate special education effectiveness through success and achievement of students. Transformational Leadership
provides the reader with a background of meaningful and purposeful leadership, and the building blocks of the learning organization. These concepts are applied to the values and the operation of the IEIP team. Teams following these principals improve service delivery by full participation of all team members. Transformational leadership can improve student advancement, school improve, and district accountability.

In the volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous world of education today, leaders need to take an engaged, activist, and courageous approach to help build optimistic futures for all students. Transformational Leadership in Education presents an alternative approach to leadership for deep and equitable change. Using vignettes, stories, research, and drawing on scholarship from a range of disciplines, noted scholar Carolyn M. Shields explores the concept of transformative leadership and its potential to create learning environments that are just and inclusive. Drawing on examples from transformative school leaders, Shields demonstrates that this leadership can promote academic achievement, family and community empowerment, democratic engagement, and global citizenship. Special features include: End-of-chapter guiding questions to help readers reflect on their own practice and to apply the concepts in their own contexts Vignettes and stories from students, teachers, and community members illustrate how transformative leadership can promote academic achievement and democratic engagement A robust companion website with extra resources, video and audio clips, and an author blog to further understanding and lead to sustained action toward the goals of transformative leadership. This exciting text will appeal to all aspiring and practicing leaders who want to prepare students to be successful, caring, and engaged citizens of the global community.

Successful educational leaders develop people, processes, culture, and structures in their schools. Creating Capacity for Learning and Equity in Schools provides a comprehensive guide for aspiring and practicing leaders to strengthen their capacity to create high levels of learning and equity. Chapters explore key theories and research, provide resources for developing personal and organizational leadership capacity, and guide leaders through a reflective process to help them link theory and practice. Hooper and Bernhardt’s model for excellence and equity provides a pathway for educators to create and sustain learning communities in schools. Exploring three leadership approaches—Instructional, Adaptive, and Transformational—this textbook prepares and develops leaders to engage school communities through effective instructional leadership, data-informed decision-making, and a vision for learning and equity for all. Special Features: Theory to Practice (T2P) Framework—A series of structured exercises help readers review and reflect on existing organizational practices and envision new action plans. Case Studies—Encourages individual reflection and collective discussion on key leadership scenario. Examples in Action—Challenge readers to analyze new connections and leadership processes. A companion website—Includes additional resources and tools for instructors to facilitate activities in the classroom.

Educational administrators know that leadership requires hundreds of judgments each day that require a sensitivity and understanding of various leadership strategies. Bridging the gap between the academic and practical world, A Guide to Effective School Leadership Theories provides an exploration of ten dominant leadership strategies to give school leaders a solid basis in theory and practical application. Demonstrating the advantages and drawbacks of each theory, readers are encouraged to discover the most appropriate strategy, or combination of strategies, that will best enable their school to achieve positive results. Each Chapter Includes: Introductory vignettes grounding the leadership theory in practice Discussion of the history, development, and utility of the strategy Research findings for further exploration of the theory End-of-chapter questions and activities designed to connect theory to practice This book is essential reading for aspiring and practicing school leaders who wish to have a better understanding of their leadership role. Providing a focused, up-to-date introduction to the current themes and dimensions of educational leadership, A Guide to Effective School Leadership Theories presents all the tools necessary to analyze and implement effective leadership in readers’ own settings.

Transformational leadership is considered a full range of leadership, meaning it uses many factors to engage followers. With students being viewed as one of the greatest accesses for the educational system, therefore administrators are responsible for designing learning environments that retain, inspire, motivate and are relevant to their student population. The experiences and perceptions of 9 school administrators, from three public high school districts located in the Southwestern and Gulf Coast region of Texas explored the qualitative interpretative phenomenological study of transformational leadership and how implementing transformational attributes (i.e. core values and community involvement) influence the academic achievement rate of African American students within their high schools. Furthermore the study sought to explore how administrators’ individual leadership philosophies influenced their organization. The modified van Kaam method contributed to data analysis, which examined administrator responses for comparison and assessment. The themes that emerged from interviews were (a) cultural experiences drives leadership; (b) community collaboration; (c) cultural awareness & customized learning strategies; (d) implementing core value systems; (e) positive relationships. The themes revealed transformational leadership positively influences academic achievement among African American students. Through the implementation of transformational leadership qualities, students were more committed to academic success, actively participated in setting educational goals, and build collaborative relationships with administrators, peers and the community.

Contemplative pedagogy is a way for instructors to: empower students to integrate their own experience into the theoretical material they are being taught in order to deepen their understanding; help students to develop sophisticated problem-solving skills; support students’ sense of connection to and compassion for others; and encourage inquiries into students’ most profound questions. Contemplative practices are used in just about every discipline—from physics to economics to history—and are found in every type of institution. Each year more and more faculty, education reformers, and leaders of teaching and learning centers seek out best practices of contemplative teaching, and now can find them here, brought to you by two of the foremost leadersand innovators on the subject. This book presents background information and ideas for the practical application of contemplative practices across the academic curriculum from the physical sciences to the humanities and arts. Examples of contemplative techniques included in the bookare mindfulness, meditation, yoga, deep listening, contemplativeresearching and writing, and pilgrimage, including site visits and field trips.

What sets Implementing Transformational Leadership in International Schools apart from other educational leadership books is its originality. Indeed, there is nothing even remotely like it presently available for new or seasoned school administrators of overseas schools. Ritco has successfully combined his extensive experiences as a career international educator with proven educational, business, and human resources frameworks to create an entirely unique and easy to utilize guide. It is currently unsurpassed in offering a cornucopia of practical and insightful digital and print information regarding how to initiate and sustain comprehensive transformational (transformational) organizational cultures to the climates and cultures of international schools. However, much of what he provides could just as easily be applied within American public and private schools. Regardless of where they be, novice and veteran school administrators alike can therefore take immediate advantage of a wealth of resources and effective strategies found in Implementing Transformational Leadership in International Schools. Ritco makes a very convincing research-driven case for his hybrid transformational approach to leading in overseas schools. He then meticulously outlines how it can be meaningfully and sustainably achieved even in the most dysfunctional settings. Alternatively, Ritco illustrates how already healthy learning organizations can become even more vigorous through his tailored framework. At the core of Ritco’s hybrid model is the authentic application of servant-leadership theory to transformational supervision with the aim of ceaselessly developing the human capital on staff. Extensive coaching and mentoring practices coupled with high performance work processes and teams exponentially increase teacher performance and job satisfaction. This in turn embeds master and talented educators to the school community, thus reducing the drivers of faculty turnover. Just as crucially, these experienced and talented teachers are then carefully groomed for succession planning so as to ensure the vibrancy of their school beyond...
the tenure of any one senior administrator. The predictable outcome is that schools can become much better places of learning and student achievement can be drastically enhanced. Elements of Chapters Four and Five are perhaps Ritco's most original contribution in this publication. He recognizes that although change is inevitable, it naturally causes anxiety in people. However, by being actively involved in the change process in an environment of supportive transformational supervision, fear is decreased, and proactive initiatives can be realized and institutionalized. Ritco likewise addresses how to effectively reduce the instance of interpersonal conflict among culturally diverse faculty members. But when grievances inevitably occur, his frameworks for proactively dealing with them are dynamic. The section on supporting staff in overseas learning communities offers much that is presently unparalleled. Nevertheless, a great deal of what Ritco provides throughout Implementing Transformational Leadership in International Schools would be equally valuable for American school administrators of all ranks.

“This book explores the relevance and necessity of strategic leadership in K - 12 settings. It also discusses the correlates, ideologies, and approaches that connect to strategic leadership in education”--

This exciting book explores the concept of transformative leadership and how leaders can create learning environments that are academically excellent, equitable, inclusive, and socially just. Grounded in research and real examples, Dr. Carolyn Shields presents an approach to leadership that is engaged, authentic, courageous, and effective in addressing the needs of today’s diverse student bodies. Featuring examples from schools and leaders, questions for reflection, downloadable eResources, and links to useful websites, Becoming a Transformative Leader is an invaluable and practical guide for school administrators, teacher leaders, and district leaders concerned about the uneven educational playing field for students in our schools.

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