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Steve's Sound-Off

March 2017

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Spring is here and the end of the school year is less than three months away; it's the perfect time to check in with yourself, reflect on the progress you have made, and assess your goals for the remainder of the year. Holding yourself accountable is key in strengthening your leadership!

All the best,
Steve Edwards

Where in the World is Steve Edwards?

Steve Edwards added to his frequent flier miles this March with trips to Muscat, Oman and Gurgaon, India. Steve and consultant Mike Chapman met with the board of directors and administration at [Al Sahwa Schools](#) in Oman to discuss infusing iLead 21 into the school curriculum.



Steve's visit to [Vega Schools](#) in India included a lively team building activity with the teaching staff. Having the staff be active participants kept them engaged in the learning!



Youth-at-Risk: A Global Challenge

An article by Steve Edwards and Michelle Rodak detailing the global issue of youth-at-risk and possible solutions was selected for publication in the US-China Education Review. Below is an excerpt:

Today's youth are among the largest peer group in history. There is a "global youth bulge" that encompasses 1.2 billion young people (International Youth Foundation, 2012). This group of young people (up to the age of 25) is currently ill prepared socially, intellectually, and economically to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing globalized world (Boss, 2012). Turning the tide requires early and ongoing analysis and intervention. Prevention is equally as important, if not more important. If effective prevention initiatives and practices are in place, the need for intervention can be significantly reduced.

Edwards, S. & Rodak, M. (2016). Youth at risk: A global challenge. US-China Education Review

They are excited and honored to share their ideas on how educators, corporations, and communities can collaborate to better address the needs of youth-at-risk around the world.

Upcoming Events

June 12-14, 2017

Changing the Paradigm: Leading for Today and Tomorrow

The West Virginia Cohort will be holding its 2017 Institute at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, WV. The Institute is open to all individuals who are looking to expand their expertise in leadership and engage in meaningful and productive conversations about how to improve teaching and learning in schools. The world is changing rapidly and we need to be ready to face the challenges to come, together.

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