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Steve's Sound-Off

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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

With commitment and consistency, you can accomplish much in both your personal and professional lives. EES has the knowledge to help you transform your school and raise student achievement if you bring your commitment and consistency. Hear below from principals who have worked hard and are seeing changes!

~Steve

The EES Experience

You already have what it takes to succeed; we'll show you how. Here's what a few of the principals we work with report about the EES experience:

"EES has assisted me in accomplishing the goal of moving the teachers past the making and using of the mastery matrix to actually taking next action steps. Now, the teachers have ownership over the tracking of data and students tracking their own STAR and behavioral data (in data notebooks)."

"EES has helped me to be more focused and to find the important stuff, like looking at the individual trees and not just the entire forest. EES has assisted me with ways to use data and helped me to take a closer look at student-led instruction. I've learned the importance of always going deeper-10 miles deep v. ten miles wide."



School Culture by Design

There are so many aspects to a principal's job that it can feel overwhelming when thinking about what is most important to you in the sea of responsibilities, duties, and requirements. There's community involvement, testing, instruction, discipline, and scheduling-but after 41 years as a teacher, principal, and central office administrator, my thoughts continually return to culture. So what the heck is this culture thing all about?

School culture is defined as the set of norms, values and beliefs, rituals and ceremonies, symbols and stories that make up the 'persona' of the school.It is our reason for the investment of our time, energy and resources. Just about every school has a mission statement, vision statement, and core values. As a principal do we visit these on a daily basis? In our conversations with stakeholders, do we hold true to these principles? Do we base our decisions on these values?

Building a culture begins with all stakeholders' input and allegiance to the mission, vision, and core values of the building. This means we work above the line, with intention, purpose and skill. We walk the walk and talk the talk.

For more on building a positive school culture, click here

International Opportunities

- We are looking for certified teachers to teach kindergarten in Dailian, China starting Fall 2016. Interested persons please send a resume and any questions about this exciting opportunity to Michelle at michelle@edwardsedservices.com!
- Do you have an innovation that improves the art of teaching?
 Consider submitting it to the International Convention on Inventions in the Classroom sponsored by the <u>Khaitan School</u> in India.

WANTED: A qualified educator to serve as principal of <u>The Sagar School</u> for a 2-3 year contract. The successful candidate will be distinguished by his/her integrity, personal vision, moral standards, dignity, patience, energy, and flexibility of approach.

For more information about these opportunities, please contact Michelle at michelle@edwardsedservices.com.

Events

National Youth-at-Risk Conference, March 6-8, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah, Georgia. This conference is designed for all school and community personnel interested in fostering the well-being of youth at risk.



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