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Steve's Sound-Off

October 2015

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

It is no mystery that on an effective team, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Teams foster creativity, increase learning, and combine complementary strengths. Whether the team is a group of schools from across the globe or a team of your own teachers, there is much to learn from working well with your counterparts. Are you being the strongest team member you can be?

~Steve

Success Story of the Month

Working with Edwards Educational Services as part of a grant with the Alabama Department of Education has had an impact on both Principal Archie Curtis and his team. Keep up the great work, Archie!

"Over the past several months, I along with others principals throughout the state of Alabama have been part of a transformational professional development program led by Edwards Educational Services to help implement change in Alabama's schools. One thing that has truly impacted me throughout this program was a discussion on whether your values match your actions. This discussion prompted me to reflect on the best practices that have been implemented at my school and whether they really represent my values and vision. I then returned to my school and met with my leadership team to evaluate if our best practices are in fact having the intended outcome. Being a member of this principal leadership program has strengthened my individual leadership, and by result, the leadership of my team."

Principal Curtis, Lowndes County Middle School, Fort Deposit, Alabama



Making Changes--The Time is Now!

Often when we start to organize and prioritize our work, we put off the opportunity to be creative in our thinking. We tend to say that we will think about doing something innovative and different at a later time-maybe when testing is over, or the school year finds its rhythm. The problem is that the time never comes again. We often fail to capture the moment when it first comes to our minds. We say, "not right now, but later."

A very successful college friend of mine named Billy always ask the question: If not now, when? The time is now!



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Global Schools' Alliance

Steve Edwards participated in the [Global Schools' Alliance](#) International Symposium this October 14-16 in Dehli, India. The experience was full of energizing conversations about the future of education amongst inspiring company. There is much to learn from like-minded global

partners!



Events

Save the date! This November 5-7, the [National Youth at Risk Conference](#) arrives in Las Vegas, Nevada. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Identify specific instructional strategies to increase student engagement and achievement in school.
- Examine social issues that place youth at risk and identify steps to address these issues to increase student engagement and achievement in school.
- See Dr. Steven Edwards in action!

THOUGHT LEADER

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SCHOOL CLIMATE / TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP Settings

Accommodating the unique needs in rural settings to improve a positive school climate, attendance, achievement, graduation, and college and career readiness for all students, especially high-poverty populations.

PRESENTATION: "Everyone Wants Reform, But No One Wants Change: The Demons Of Status Quo"

[Learn Forward](#), December 5-9, 2-15 at the Gaylord National outside of Washington, D.C. Gain practical solutions to the challenges you face in your classroom, school, or district every day!



[2016 National Conference on Bullying & Child Victimization](#), February 21-24, 2016 at the Doubletree Hotel at Seaworld in Orlando, Florida. This conference brings together the most knowledgeable and internationally renowned keynote presenters into one forum to provide the highest quality professional development possible in one conference.



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All the best,

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