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This book, by two editors of *Data Wise: A Step-by-Step Guide to Using Assessment Results to Improve Teaching and Learning*, attempts to bring about a fundamental shift in how educators think about the meetings we attend. They make the case that these gatherings are potentially the most important venue where adult and organizational learning can take place in schools, and that making more effective use of this time is the key to increasing student achievement. In *Meeting Wise*, the authors show why meeting planning is a high-leverage strategy for changing how people work together in the service of school improvement. To this end, they have created a meeting-planning “checklist” to develop a common language for discussing and improving the quality of meetings. In addition, they provide guidelines for readers on “wise facilitating” and “wise participating,” and also include “top tips” and common dilemmas. Simple, succinct, and practical, *Meeting Wise* is designed to be read and applied at every level of the educational enterprise: district leadership meetings with central office staff, charter-school management

summits, principals' meetings with teachers, professional development sessions, teacher-team meetings, and even teachers' meetings with parents and students.

Inside-outside, in the Middle

Improving Reading Achievement Through Professional Development

How to Help Your School Thrive Without Breaking the Bank will help you improve your school without investing in externally developed, expensive, and time-consuming reform programs or initiatives. It's packed with replicable strategies and practical tools that educators in any school can incorporate to transform the culture and improve student achievement and professional practice. You'll learn how to

- * Hone your own leadership and grow new leaders among your staff;
- * Develop a vision and a mission for your school;
- * Promote excellence among both staff and students;
- * Make the most of your time and facilitate effective meetings; and
- * Mine and use data with purpose.

For most schools, times are tough and money is tight—but school leaders must still focus on how to steadily improve student achievement. Academic performance will improve in the long term only if your school has a healthy culture marked by integrity, a strong work ethic, collaboration, and reflective risk taking. Strengthening those foundational elements will help you sustain positive change in your school, even in difficult

economic times. The good news is that you already have the resources you need to help your school thrive. This book will help you to maximize them.

Consultation, Collaboration, and Teamwork for Students with Special Needs

This collection is the result of action research carried out by teachers, administrators and professors operating a school-university collaboration. It creates a model of mentoring where guided but flexible structures are used to unleash the creative capacity of the group. The research accounts reveal much about the nature of mentoring organizations, as they are now and how they might be improved. Approaches include the use of lifelong mentoring, synergistic co-mentoring, professional peer networking and the creation of collaborative relationships and teams.

Literacy Learning Communities

Learn what a flipped classroom is and why it works, and get the information you need to flip a classroom. You'll also learn the flipped mastery model, where students learn at their own pace, furthering opportunities for personalized education. This simple concept is easily replicable in any classroom, doesn't cost much to implement, and helps foster self-directed learning. Once you flip, you won't want to go back!

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Learning Circles

Filled with numerous examples, this best-selling book provides both the practical knowledge and the theoretical foundation necessary to develop successful Whole-Faculty Study Groups.

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Use "Assertive Intervention" techniques to help difficult teachers become positive and energetic professionals! Managing difficult teachers effectively may be a principal's most pressing challenge. In this research-based text, you will discover approaches that prove how even the most difficult teachers can become successful professionals. This indispensable handbook introduces Assertive Intervention techniques and shows principals how to improve daily interactions with troubled teachers. These strategies show how to: Confront difficult teachers calmly and confidently Conduct an Assertive Intervention Improve interactions with troublesome teachers Build a positive school culture

Leading Effective Meetings, Teams, and Work Groups in Districts and Schools

"This is a wonderful book with deep insight into the relationship between teachers' action and result of student learning. It discusses from different angles impact of action research on student learning in the classroom. Writing samples provided at the back are wonderful examples." —Kejing Liu, Shawnee State

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University Teacher Action Research: Building Knowledge Democracies focuses on helping schools build knowledge democracies through a process of action research in which teachers, students, and parents collaborate in conducting participatory and caring inquiry in the classroom, school, and community. Author Gerald J. Pine examines historical origins, the rationale for practice-based research, related theoretical and philosophical perspectives, and action research as a paradigm rather than a method. Key Features Discusses how to build a school research culture through collaborative teacher research Delineates the role of the professional development school as a venue for constructing a knowledge democracy Focuses on how teacher action research can empower the active and ongoing inclusion of nontraditional voices (those of students and parents) in the research process Includes chapters addressing the concrete practices of observation, reflection, dialogue, writing, and the conduct of action research, as well as examples of teacher action research studies

Taking Action on Adolescent Literacy

How to Help Your School Thrive Without Breaking the Bank

Special Needs in the Classroom

Learning circles—small groups of educators who come

together to support each other in learning—can make great improvements in the quality of teaching and learning in your school.

Teacher Action Research

Action research, explored in this book, is a seven-step process for improving teaching and learning in classrooms at all levels. Through practical examples, research tools, and easy-to-follow "implementation strategies," Richard Sagor guides readers through the process from start to finish. Learn how to uncover and use the data that already exist in your classrooms and schools to answer significant questions about your individual or collective concerns and interests. Sagor covers each step in the action research process in detail: selecting a focus, clarifying theories, identifying research questions, collecting data, analyzing data, reporting results, and taking informed action. Drawing from the experience of individual teachers, faculties, and school districts, Sagor describes how action research can enhance teachers' professional standing and efficacy while helping them succeed in settings characterized by increasingly diverse student populations and an emphasis on standards-based reform. The book also demonstrates how administrators and policymakers can use action research to bolster efforts related to accreditation, teacher supervision, and job-embedded staff development. Part how-to guide, part inspirational treatise, *Guiding School Improvement with Action Research* provides advice, information, and encouragement to anyone interested in reinventing

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schools as learning communities and restructuring teaching as the true profession it was meant to be.

New Directions in Mentoring

Discover how Whole-Faculty Study Groups (WFSGs) use collaborative action research to involve an entire professional learning community in improving staff and school performance.

Educating Everybody's Children

In this practical guide, an experienced group of contributors provide concrete strategies and real-world examples for implementing this highly successful design for professional learning communities.

Current Index to Journals in Education

This top-selling book will serve as the compass and road map to your school's professional development journey. A comprehensive and authoritative resource you will go to again and again, this book helps guide principals, directors of professional development, school/district committees, and other leaders in creating an effective professional development program that moves ideas from knowledge to action. Topics include: Learning Communities Job-Embedded Learning Coaching Teacher Study Groups Critical Friends Lesson Study Portfolios And more! Additionally, this book features helpful case studies, useful forms and templates, sample agendas, and

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other invaluable resources for professional development. The second edition contains the following enhancements: Expanded coverage of job-embedded learning, which is a cost-effective way for administrators to enhance professional development with their staff More information on the theoretical grounding of professional development with applications that can be readily adapted for use in schools Updated references and figures to reflect newly published literature on the topics covered User-friendly tabs, so you can find and return to your favorite sections time after time

Understanding Rigor in the Classroom

Designed to promote reflection, discussion, and action among the entire learning community, *Educating Everybody's Children* encapsulates what research has revealed about successfully addressing the needs of students from economically, ethnically, culturally, and linguistically diverse groups and identifies a wide range of effective principles and instructional strategies. Although good teaching works well with all students, educators must develop an extensive repertoire of instructional tools to meet the varying needs of students from diverse backgrounds. Those tools and the knowledge base behind them are the foundation of this expanded and revised second edition of *Educating Everybody's Children*. Each strategy discussed in the book includes classroom examples and a list of the research studies that support it. The most important thing we have learned as a result of the education reform movement is that

student achievement stands or falls on the motivation and skills of teachers. We must ensure that all teachers are capable of delivering a standards-based curriculum that describes what students should know and be able to do, and that these standards are delivered by means of a rich and engaging "pedagogy of plenty." By these two acts we can ensure that all schools will be ready and able to educate everybody's children.

How to Deal With Teachers Who Are Angry, Troubled, Exhausted, or Just Plain Confused

Is the learning in your classroom static or dynamic? Shake Up Learning guides you through the process of creating dynamic learning opportunities-from purposeful planning and maximizing technology to fearless implementation.

Shake Up Learning

First released in the Spring of 1999, How People Learn has been expanded to show how the theories and insights from the original book can translate into actions and practice, now making a real connection between classroom activities and learning behavior. This edition includes far-reaching suggestions for research that could increase the impact that classroom teaching has on actual learning. Like the original edition, this book offers exciting new research about the mind and the brain that provides answers to a number of compelling questions. When do infants

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begin to learn? How do experts learn and how is this different from non-experts? What can teachers and schools do-with curricula, classroom settings, and teaching methods--to help children learn most effectively? New evidence from many branches of science has significantly added to our understanding of what it means to know, from the neural processes that occur during learning to the influence of culture on what people see and absorb. How People Learn examines these findings and their implications for what we teach, how we teach it, and how we assess what our children learn. The book uses exemplary teaching to illustrate how approaches based on what we now know result in in-depth learning. This new knowledge calls into question concepts and practices firmly entrenched in our current education system. Topics include: How learning actually changes the physical structure of the brain. How existing knowledge affects what people notice and how they learn. What the thought processes of experts tell us about how to teach. The amazing learning potential of infants. The relationship of classroom learning and everyday settings of community and workplace. Learning needs and opportunities for teachers. A realistic look at the role of technology in education.

Graduation for All

Presents an examination of high-performing, high poverty schools and their practices which resulted in marked improvements in learning for their most vulnerable students.

Teacher Teams That Get Results

This book is a comprehensive, practical guide for preparing educators to consult, collaborate, and work as teams for the education of students with special learning and behavioral needs. This book is designed to help administrators, personnel, general classroom teachers, special education supporters, families, and students themselves to be 1.) clear and focused in regard to their roles and opportunities, 2.) prepared for fulfilling those roles and maximizing the service opportunities, 3.) organized and efficient for successful consultation and collaboration, and 4.) reflective in assessing and improving collaborative school consultation.

Whole-faculty Study Groups

How do educators best prepare students for the new literacies that will define their future? Quite possibly that is the single greatest challenge they face in literacy education today. Innovative Approaches to Literacy Education: Using the Internet to Support New Literacies will help K-12 educators respond to this challenge with valuable insight on the fundamental changes to literacy, literacy learning, and literacy instruction that are brought forth by information and communication technologies. Editors Rachel A. Karchmer, Marla H. Mallette, Donald J. Leu, Jr., and Julia Kara-Soteriou make important connections among theory, research, and practice by offering the stories of pioneering, award-winning classroom teachers who successfully use the Internet to support

literacy instruction and scholars who study the relationship between literacy and technology. With this powerful combination of perspectives, educators will discover new instructional ideas and resources for their classrooms, new visions of instructional possibilities for their schools and districts, and new ways to view their work in light of new literacies. definition of literacy but also transform the nature of literacy instruction in their classrooms as they integrate the Internet and other information and communication technologies into

Designing Professional Development for Teachers of Science and Mathematics

How People Learn

Why just "sit and get" professional development when you can take charge of it? Schools nationwide are using professional learning communities to revitalize staff development, and Literacy Learning Communities shows you how to adapt this powerful framework to target the literacy strengths and needs of students in secondary schools. Whether you're an administrator, a staff developer, or a member of a teacher-study group, Literacy Learning Communities shows you how to make them happen, why they work, and how to get the most from them. In Literacy Learning Communities veteran staff developer ReLeah Cossett Lent shows how LLCs can energize the professional community of any middle or high school. She offers concrete steps toward success: a

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thorough review of the unambiguous research supporting both collaborative professional development models and the importance of authentic approaches to literacy learning and teaching specific steps for creating an initial literacy learning community to assess your school's reading and writing needs and to develop a three-year plan for authentic, sustained, and embedded staff development practical ideas for meeting your schools' challenges through professional development methods such as action research, peer coaching, and study groups. Throughout Literacy Learning Communities Lent provides smart suggestions for working with resistant faculty, overcoming a school-wide culture of isolation (a particular problem in secondary schools), and strengthening the professional relationships in your school to improve the efficacy of your LLCs. She even presents Questions for Reflection at the end of each chapter to stimulate your thinking and help you move toward relevant and sustained professional learning. Built on a combination of research and real-world experience, Literacy Learning Communities can help you build a culture of professional learning, peer support, and teacher engagement that will improve the performance of every learner - teachers and students alike.

Innovative Approaches to Literacy Education

Robert J Marzano has spent over 50 years working in, and revolutionizing, education research and

observation. Now in *Understanding Rigor in the Classroom*, Marzano brings that experience and expertise to one of the most complicated questions in education: what is rigor, and how can I use it to improve my student's learning? Marzano cuts through the noise to define rigor upfront on page one, breaking the concept down to its most essential goals: Rigor is the discerning of new relationships between topics and new distinctions within topics, and discerning new distinctions about oneself as a learner; these distinctions are discovered differently in Declarative and Procedural knowledge, and with different levels of student familiarity with the topic. Marzano goes in-depth in analyzing each learning situation, exploring specific activities, tasks, and strategies to increase rigor that utilize cognitive analysis processes, habits of mind, and project-based learning.

Schools Can Change

Faculty Development and Student Learning

Teachers share one vital characteristic with students: they function best in settings that are organized enough to provide structure and focus, yet flexible enough to respect developmental and personality differences. In *Leading Effective Meetings, Teams, and Work Groups in Districts and Schools*, author and veteran educator Matthew Jennings provides everything you need to help the teachers in your

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school or district achieve their full potential: *An overview of the research on collaboration and what it means for educators *Step-by-step guidelines for designing and facilitating meetings *Strategies for avoiding and resolving conflicts among educators *Checklists, questionnaires, and rubrics for designing, implementing, and assessing work groups and teaching teams *Whether you're setting up a complex district-level task force or a simple school faculty meeting, this comprehensive guide will ensure that you do so as efficiently and effectively as possible. Packed with field-proven activities, worksheets, and metrics, it is an indispensable resource for all educational leaders.

Creating Wicked Students

Action Research Guide for Alberta Teachers

Powerful Designs for Professional Learning

This book whole-faculty study groups, their application and the underlying change principles necessary for such study groups to succeed. The book provides numerous examples, snapshots of real-world situations, and a detailed step-by-step practical methodology for the development of successful professional whole-faculty study groups in schools.

Flip Your Classroom

Effective dropout prevention strategies for educators! This resource offers guidelines for implementing dropout prevention strategies in the classroom and throughout the school system. The impact of increased graduation rates reaches farther than statistics—more graduates mean more individuals who are better prepared to meet the challenges of life after school, and better outcomes for youth, schools, and society in general. With the goal of producing an educated citizenry, the authors present tools and a plan for: Increasing graduation rates Meeting the standards set by the No Child Left Behind Act Pinpointing the most critical years for establishing a solid educational foundation

Meeting Wise

Build a dynamic system for change! From NCLB to Common Core standards, we are inundated with directives for improving our schools. How can we really create lasting change? By applying the Change Creation system! Learning community pioneers Dale Lick, Karl Clauset, and Carlene Murphy lead teachers, principals, and schools in this dynamic approach to school improvement. With a free, comprehensive online collection of practical resources, this book shows you how to: Develop the right vision, relationships, and culture to create and sustain change Model learning-inquiry cycles for action teams for success Build loyalty, trust, and responsibility within your teams and across the school

Guiding School Improvement with Action Research

A source of ideas for teacher educators who wish to improve teachers' skills in dealing with pupil diversity in mainstream schools. Particular emphasis is given to teacher development, both pre-service and in-service. In addition, the book provides practical guidelines based on the UNESCO Teacher Education Resource Pack.

Qualities of Effective Teachers

Literacy lies at the heart of student understanding and achievement. Yet too many educators mistakenly assume that the reading, writing, speaking, and thinking skills that students developed in elementary school are sufficient for the sophisticated learning tasks they face in middle and high school. The result? Disappointing test scores, high dropout rates, and students unprepared for higher education, citizenship, and the world of work. Taking Action on Adolescent Literacy: An Implementation Guide for School Leaders presents a structured approach to using literacy as a lever for overall school improvement. Literacy instruction is not an "add-on," authors Judith L. Irvin, Julie Meltzer, and Melinda Dukes insist; it's an ongoing essential. All adolescent students, no matter what their level of achievement, can benefit from direct instruction in reading, writing, speaking, and thinking. And all secondary school leaders can improve students' literacy and learning by following the five action steps outlined in this book: (1) develop and

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implement a literacy action plan, (2) support teachers to improve literacy instruction, (3) use data to make curricular decisions, (4) build capacity for shared leadership, and (5) creatively allocate resources to support the literacy plan. The book also offers strategies to help educators integrate literacy and learning across the content areas, provide targeted interventions for students who are struggling the most, and develop a supportive school environment that involves parents, community members, and district leaders. Practical tools, helpful resources, and vignettes based on the authors' extensive work in school districts nationwide make this an indispensable guide for principals, central office administrators, literacy coaches, department chairs, and other school leaders committed to helping students succeed.

The Kids Left Behind

Colleges and universities across the US have created special initiatives to promote faculty development, but to date there has been little research to determine whether such programs have an impact on students' learning. Faculty Development and Student Learning reports the results of a multi-year study undertaken by faculty at Carleton College and Washington State University to assess how students' learning is affected by faculty members' efforts to become better teachers. Extending recent research in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) to assessment of faculty development and its effectiveness, the authors show that faculty participation in professional development activities

positively affects classroom pedagogy, student learning, and the overall culture of teaching and learning in a college or university.

The Art of Coaching

Remember those great teachers who made you excited about learning? Remember how it felt to be in their classes and to experience how they made their classrooms come alive? What made those teachers special? What qualities and skills did they have to ignite student learning? Most important, how did those teachers help their students become successful? In *Qualities of Effective Teachers*, 2nd edition, James H. Stronge shows educators how to recreate this same excitement and enthusiasm in their own classrooms by describing the characteristics and skills of effective teachers. Stronge synthesizes research to identify specific teacher behaviors that contribute to student achievement. Rather than look at outside factors like demographics, district leadership, and state mandates, Stronge focuses specifically on what teachers can control: their own preparation, personality, and practices. Learn how effective teachers

- *Prepare to be effective educators.
- *Establish, manage, and maintain learning-focused classroom environments.
- *Organize time, communicate expectations, and plan instruction.
- *Present curriculum to support active and engaged learning.
- *Monitor student progress, identify student potential, and meet the needs of special populations in the classroom.

This second edition includes new tips and tools for engaging at-risk students and high-

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ability students. It also includes skills checklists and an expanded, annotated bibliography to provide a springboard for further insight and exploration. Teachers, educators who hire teachers, teacher leaders, supervisors, and teachers-in-training can all use this book to learn to how to develop better teachers and to improve the quality of learning for all students.

American Book Publishing Record

A comprehensive set of tools for achieving lasting results and sustaining a professional learning community! To help sustain the ongoing success of professional learning communities, this comprehensive resource provides an illustrated collection of ready-to-use tools and examples of plans in action for results-oriented faculty and staff meetings. Demonstrating how to use each of the 61 strategies, the authors show you how to: Create a growth-oriented climate that encourages feedback and builds trust Share knowledge and skills to expand and optimize results Build resilience, develop creative solutions, and manage change Determine priorities and create excellence when setting goals, tying data to practice, and analyzing results

Professional Development

Hands-on resources for new and seasoned school coaches This practical resource offers the foundational skills and tools needed by new coaching educators, as well as presenting an overview of the

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knowledge and theory base behind the practice. Established coaches will find numerous ways to deepen and refine their coaching practice. Principals and others who incorporate coaching strategies into their work will also find a wealth of resources. Aguilar offers a model for transformational coaching which could be implemented as professional development in schools or districts anywhere. Although she addresses the needs of adult learners, her model maintains a student-centered focus, with a specific lens on addressing equity issues in schools. Offers a practical resource for school coaches, principals, district leaders, and other administrators Presents a transformational coaching model which addresses systems change Pays explicit attention to surfacing and interrupting inequities in schools The Art of Coaching: Effective Strategies for School Transformation offers a compendium of school coaching ideas, the book's explicit, user-friendly structure enhances the ability to access the information.

Schoolwide Action Research for Professional Learning Communities

Updated Edition of Best Seller! Now in its second edition, this resource guides professional developers, administrators, and teacher leaders to design learning experiences for teachers that are directly linked to improving student learning.

Forthcoming Books

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In *Creating Wicked Students*, Paul Hanstedt argues that courses can and should be designed to present students with what are known as “wicked problems” because the skills of dealing with such knotty problems are what will best prepare them for life after college. As the author puts it, “this book begins with the assumption that what we all want for our students is that they be capable of changing the world. When a student leaves college, we want them to enter the world not as drones participating mindlessly in activities to which they’ve been appointed, but as thinking, deliberative beings who add something to society.” There’s a lot of talk in education these days about “wicked problems”—problems that defy traditional expectations or knowledge, problems that evolve over time: Zika, ISIS, political discourse in the era of social media. To prepare students for such wicked problems, they need to have wicked competencies, the ability to respond easily and on the fly to complex challenges. Unfortunately, a traditional education that focuses on content and skills often fails to achieve this sense of wickedness. Students memorize for the test, prepare for the paper, practice the various algorithms over and over again—but when the parameters or dynamics of the test or the paper or the equation change, students are often at a loss for how to adjust. This is a course design book centered on the idea that the goal in the college classroom—in all classrooms, all the time—is to develop students who are not just loaded with content, but capable of using that content in thoughtful, deliberate ways to make the world a better place. Achieving this goal requires a top-to-bottom reconsideration of courses, including student

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learning goals, text selection and course structure, day-to-day pedagogies, and assignment and project design. *Creating Wicked Students* takes readers through each step of the process, providing multiple examples at each stage, while always encouraging instructors to consider concepts and exercises in light of their own courses and students.

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