The Veteran Principal: Lending a Hand
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If you look up the word “veteran” in the dictionary, you’ll find two definitions: “an old soldier of long service” and “a person of long experience in some occupation or skill.” In the case of the veteran principal, the many years of leading and shaping a school have been built upon a foundation of knowledge, responsibility, reflection, skill, hard work, and numerous highs and lows. It would seem then, that many veteran principals might feel like they have been soldiers in a long-term battle. What’s the key to their success? Being open-minded, open-eyed, and prepared.

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