Leadership Resources

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by Michael Chirichello and Nancy Richmond

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by Jim Wright

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Networks of Support

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Working in isolation may keep up the status quo, but it never helped anyone grow or advance in their career. Principals can’t learn best practices unless they have the tools and services to connect to each other for advice and counsel. That is why NAESP focuses on building the networks of support so essential to a principal’s development.

There are many ways principals can learn best practices through NAESP—you’re holding one opportunity in your hands right now. *Principal* magazine, and all of NAESP’s publications, provide practical articles on how schools meet the challenges of educating pre-K-8 students. According to Frederika Buffmire, principal of Mendoza Elementary School in Arizona, reading about what other schools are doing is a great way to learn from your colleagues.

“*Principal* helps me focus on the issues that I may not be dealing with right now, but that are challenges or programs that I can expect to run into,” she says. “I’m also able to consider a wider variety of solutions to issues by reading how situations are being addressed by other administrators.”

Whether it’s to brush up on your data-management skills or learn how to put together a leadership team in your school, all principals from time to time need a structured program to learn best practices.

“NAESP promotes best practices through their programming for principals,” says William D. White, principal of Granville Elementary School in Ohio. “Many principals benefit from these opportunities because they would not have had the ability to provide these quality sessions on their own.”

With the amount of work it takes for a principal to run a school, it’s hard to carve out time to learn from their peers, especially when they need answers immediately. The NAESP Web site is designed to give you quick access to best practices and assistance so that you don’t waste time searching for answers.

Add an excellent bookstore with the latest in education trends, programs and services for student and community engagement, and principal mentor training, and you can see why so many principals choose NAESP as their source for the best practices in instruction, management, and leadership.
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