My Two Cents

If you had an extra $100,000 added to your budget, what would you do with it?

I would provide daily, regularly scheduled collaboration time for every grade-level team by making our part-time art, music, and PE teachers, and library intern full time. Students would benefit from the additional time spent in educating the whole child. Teachers would have additional professional learning time to plan, create, share, observe, analyze, evaluate, celebrate, and refine their instructional practices; to build their capacity; to ensure fidelity of instruction and implementation; and to help all students successfully achieve our high expectations and goals.

Rosie O’Brien Vojtek
Principal
Ivy Drive Elementary School
Bristol, Connecticut

If I had an extra $100,000, I would establish a Global Studies Institute as a school within a school. We would focus on developing 21st century skills of collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity for all students. We would use a problem-based learning philosophy to create authentic learning environments. Tapping technology, we would be able to create classrooms without borders, working with schools around the globe.

Mai-Lon Wong
Principal
Gavilan Peak School
Anthem, Arizona

I would use extra money to enhance our school and help lighten the load. For kids, I would buy new playground equipment, new software and licenses for labs, new books, new electronics, etc. For staff, I would buy some fun new electronics, new equipment, and supplies, and try to find ways to get extra help in classrooms.

Dwight Liddiard
East Meadows Elementary
Spanish Fork, Utah

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Legislative Dispatch

I had heard all of the messages imploring me to become involved in the political process, and consistently avoided this important duty to my students, school, and community. Thank goodness for NAESP and the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association for their cajoling and encouragement. Because of them, I did become involved in the legislative process and it has been a wonderful experience that I continue to enjoy.

Mark Terry
Principal
Eubanks Intermediate School
Southlake, Texas

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