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AN OVERVIEW OF THE ONLINE COMPONENT

Each subscription to *NorthStar for Principals* includes unlimited access to the companion website (www.northstarforprincipals.com) where principals can access articles, resources, and instruction that will help boost leadership effectiveness. The online component includes:

Current and Archived Articles

The *NorthStar for Principals* publication provides school leaders with concise, research-based articles that offer practical strategies for doing their jobs better. The website features access to over 2,000 articles. Here are some of the themes and topics that we've tackled over the past nine years:

- Aligning Resources to Goals
- Assessing What We Do
- Bridging the Learning Divide
- Bullying Response and Prevention
- Celebrating Differences
- Change
- Coaching Connections
- Collective Efficacy
- Curriculum
- Developing Teacher Leaders
- Finding Common Ground
- Growing Up Wired
- Inspiring a Vision in Others
- Legally Speaking
- Making Every Dollar Count
- Measuring Success
- Professional Learning Communities
- Raising Teacher Quality
- School Culture
- Setting Direction for the New Year
- Setting Personal Goals and Renewal
- Spreading Optimism
- Sustaining Leadership
- Taming Messy Problems
- The Gravity of Good Leadership
- The New Normal
- Turning Knowing Into Doing

The Principal's GPS

This is a collection of more than 60 ready-to-deliver, 20- to 30-minute staff development presentations with an accompanying teacher tip sheet or printable resource. A new GPS is published each month. Titles include:

- A School with a Purpose
- Broadening Teacher Leadership in the School
- Countdown to Final Grades
- Gearing Up for Parent Conferences
- Get a Grip on Data
- Growing and Keeping Teacher Talent
- Make Every Minute Count
- Making Collaboration Work
- Making Meetings Matter
- Managing the Emotional Climate
- Planning for Back to School Night
- Ramp Up Your Teaching with Rigor and Relevance
- Support a School Learning Community
- Tame Wicked Problems
- The Tapestry of School Culture
- Together We Can Reach Them All
- Using Digital Technology to Leverage Our Teaching

Case Studies

The case studies provide scenarios that present a problem principals have faced or will likely face during their careers and offer potential solutions from successful practitioners. Over seven years of case studies and responses have been developed for a total of 80+ resources that principals can draw on for practical, thought-provoking learning.

Building Walks

This resource guides principals through a “building walk”, pointing out things to look for and actions to take as they walk their halls and interact with staff. The Building Walk provides readers with articles and accompanying resources such as checklists, forms, and reflection sheets that provide practical help and extend the learning. There are more than 90 Building Walk articles and resources available.

Principal’s Instructions

These concise online professional development tutorials review key skills principals must understand and be able to complete. These tutorials are valuable to any school principal, but are especially helpful to newer principals, aspiring principals, and teacher leaders. Titles include:

- Beyond the Brownie Mom and Booster Dad: Building Powerful Parent Partnerships
- Deciding What Data to Collect for Improving Learning and Instruction
- Handling False Fire Alarms and Bomb Scares
- How Principals Lead Teacher Learning
- The Climb to Shared Leadership (Part I and II)
- The Top 10 Skills for 21st Century Principals 4: Use Positive Conflict Resolution Skills
- The Top 10 Skills for 21st Century Principals 8: Use Effective Problem-Solving Strategies
- Using News Media Effectively

Downloadable Research and Resources

The “Research” section of our website features book reviews, facts, and white papers. Additionally, the “Resource” section features a variety of downloadable charts, graphs, checklists, letter templates, and speech starters.



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