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The Principal Story Learning Guide,
a web-based complement to the PBS documentary film, The Principal Story

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Note to facilitator

The Principal Story, a one-hour PBS documentary, portrays the challenges principals face in turning around low-performing public schools and raising student achievement. This intimate, one-year journey is seen through the eyes of two dynamic principals: Dr. Tresa D. Dunbar, in her second year in the Chicago Public School System; and Kerry Purcell, a seven-year veteran in Springfield, Ill. Principal instructors and other professional learning facilitators may use this film and related videos and resources to structure a range of learning experiences for their students.

For example, this web-based The Principal Story Professional Learning Guide takes learners through a progression of directed experiences using a mix of film clips and activities.

Likewise, facilitators may also access a 23-minute film clip with excerpts from the original film documentary available from The Wallace Foundation at www.wallacefoundation.org/principal-story/clips-from-the-film/Pages/default.aspx

Finally, facilitators may purchase and show the complete documentary. In addition, The Principal Story Field Guide gives a structure for studying the film. It also includes tips for organizing viewing sessions and conducting discussions before and after viewing the film. Visit www.wallacefoundation.org/principal-story/Pages/ordering-info.aspx to order the documentary and access the Field Guide free from The Wallace Foundation.
This web-based learning guide has the following purposes:

(a) To give principal instructors a stand-alone set of interactive units based on the PBS documentary film, *The Principal Story*. Units are designed to allow preservice instructors to insert them into lessons about the five practices of effective principal leadership identified from The Wallace Foundation research.

(b) To give facilitators of professional learning a structure and activities to use in coaching sessions, study groups, professional learning communities, or workshops.

(c) To give individual learners access to film clips from *The Principal Story*, guiding questions, activities, and resources they can use to examine five key practices of effective principals identified in Wallace-sponsored research.