Principals matter. Principals are under pressure. Principals want more learning opportunities.

Students gain the equivalent of 3 months' more learning with an effective principal. Principals affect 483 students on average in one school year. Students of new principals who participated in a principal development and support initiative performed 6.2 percentile points higher in reading and 2.9 percentile points higher in math.

Nearly 1 in 5 principals leave their schools each year. 45% of principals report that pandemic working conditions are accelerating their plans to leave the profession. 62% of principals said morale was lower in December 2020 than before the pandemic.

Most principals come to the job without formal preparation in crisis management, and 85% of principals say that emergency planning is a much higher priority than it used to be. 30% of principals said they need training to support distance learning. 20% of principals reported high need for opportunities to network and learn from other principals during the pandemic.

50% of principals said they would put more emphasis on professional learning for teachers in the future.