AT A GLANCE

The case for investing in principals' learning

Principals matter.



Students gain the equivalent of 3 months' more learning with an effective principal¹



Principals affect 483 students on average in one school year¹



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 math²

Principals are under pressure.



leave their schools each year³



45% of principals report that pandemic working conditions are accelerating their plans to leave the profession⁴



62% of principals said morale was lower in December 2020 than before the pandemic⁵

Principals want more learning opportunities.



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 be⁶



30% of principals said they need training to support distance learning⁶



20% of principals reported high need for opportunities to network and learn from other principals during the pandemic⁶



50% of principals said they would put more emphasis on professional learning for teachers in the future⁶



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