Instructional Coaches and Principals: An Essential Partnership for School Success

Webinar April 13, 2023

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## Let's get started



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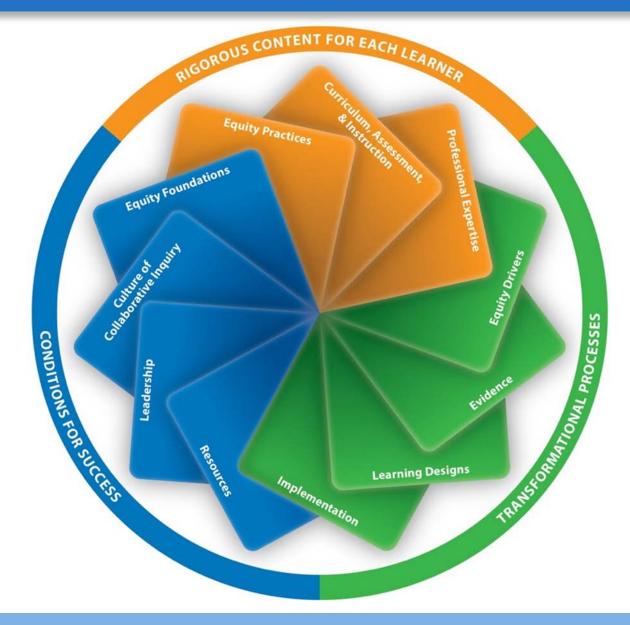
## Participants will ...

- See how learning-focused partnerships between principals and instructional coaches lead to teacher and student growth.
- Examine the characteristics of effective building-level instructional coaching programs.
- Gain strategies for effective communication and feedback between the principal and coach.
- See how principals support coaching through the allocation of time and resources.
- Gather ideas for making coaching a key part of teacher retention and support strategies.

## Standard frames – Where are we?

 Rigorous content for each learner

- Transformational processes
- Conditions for success



## Two campuses, two different experiences





## Two sides of the same coin





## Panel discussion



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# The Intersection of Building a Blueprint for High-Quality Instruction





**Crystal Cooper** 

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## STRONG Principal-Coach Relationship

#### **Built on Relationship**

- Trust and Rapport
- Coherence and Collaboration
- Remove Barriers
- SEL and Classroom Management

## **Anchored in Continuous Communication**

- Principal Voice
- One Voice-Clarity
- Proactive and Reactive
- Collaborative and Continuous

#### **Focused on Student Outcomes**

- Coaching Cycle
- District-Focused
- School Improvement
- MTSS and Actionable

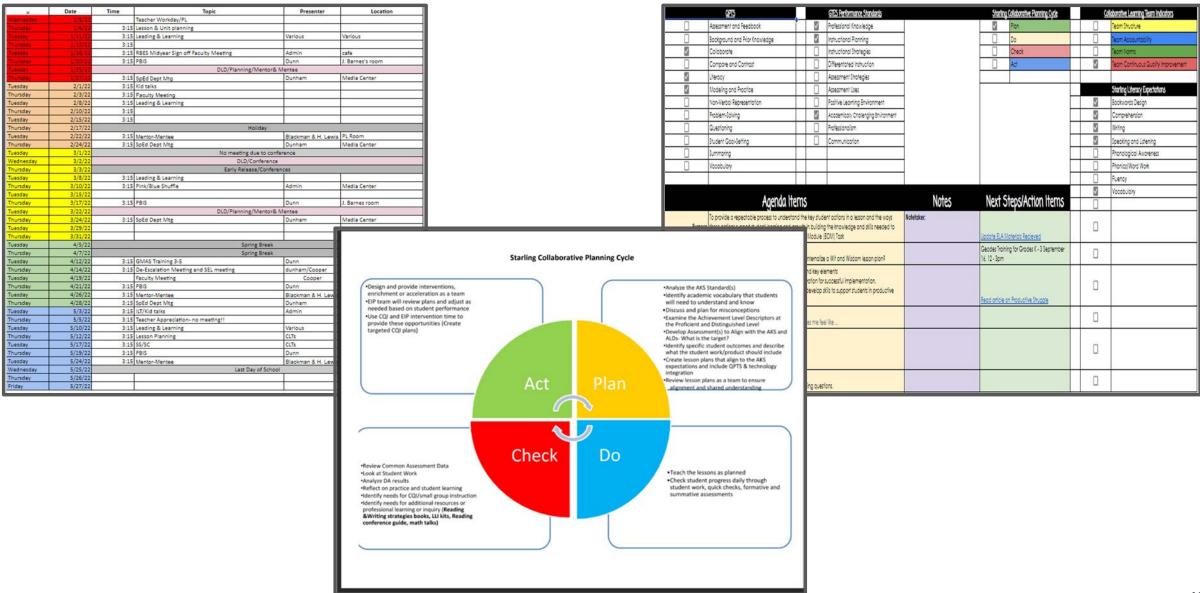
## Makes Impact on Teacher Support and Collegiality

- Data-driven Toward Professional Development for All
- Resource Collectors
- Best Practices
- Goal-Oriented
- Morale Leveler

## A Transparent Moment of Shifting



## Starling Elementary School Artifacts

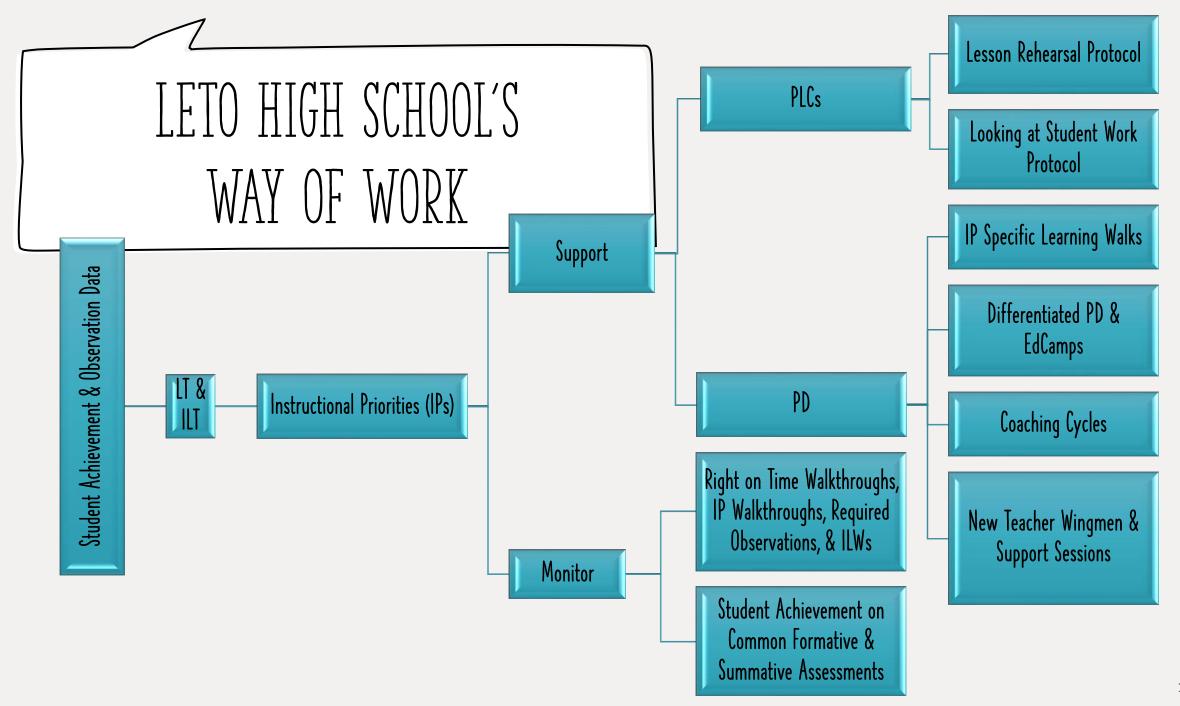


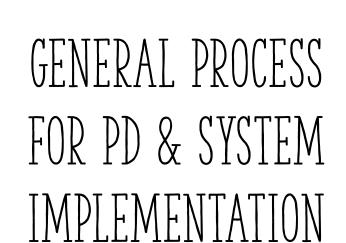
## What Have We Learned?

- 1. Be the voice of the teacher and the champion for the kids.
- 2. Learn, grow, and be receptive to feedback from coach and principal.
- 3. Have consistent meetings proactive, scheduled, with feedback.
- 4. Create a visible, reflective structure and plan between administrators and coaches.
- 5. Be willing to pivot when challenges arise and advocate for yourself and your position as coach.
- 6. Be adaptable to change (eg. pilot test, administration, processes, etc.).
- 7. Don't assume anything, but remember the power of a conversation.



Larissa McCoy Mitti and Robyn Sullivan-Jackson





Rinse and Repeat in Real Time

Revise System or Professional Development Based on Feedback

Monitor
Implementation of
System or Professional
Development and
Request Feedback from
Stakeholders

Collect Student Achievement and Observation Data

Disaggregate Data with ILT & LT and Highlight Trends

Create System or Professional Development to Address Concerning Trends

Implement System or Professional Development

## INSTRUCTIONAL PRIORITIES

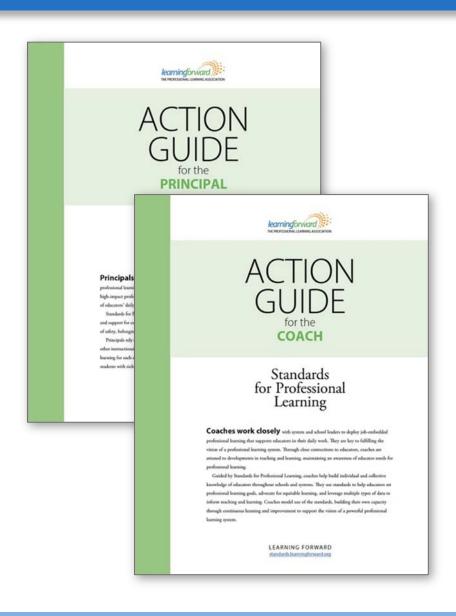
- ☐ Enhance <u>student motivation</u> by establishing <u>academic</u> <u>goals</u> and developing <u>intrinsic mindsets</u>
- Set <u>high expectations</u> for <u>deep engagement</u> and <u>academic</u> <u>ownership</u> using <u>grade-appropriate assignments</u> and <u>consistent</u>, <u>collaborative communication</u>
- ☐ Create and use <u>authentic assessments</u> that encourage <u>student voice</u> and honor <u>targeted feedback</u>



# Discussion and Questions



## Resources for Coaches and Principals



#### **Role-based Action Guides**

https://standards.learningforward.org/action-guides/

#### **Innovation Configuration Maps**

 https://standards.learningforward.org/ic-maptool/coach/

#### Coaching Resource Page

https://learningforward.org/coaches/

### The Learning Professional

https://learningforward.org/the-learning-professional

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## Standards Week April 24–28

- Daily webinars
- New tools
- Implementation strategies

## Online Course May 8-10

Introduction to Standards for Professional Learning

## Online resources

Look for follow-up resources, including a recording of this webinar and slides:

- Read latest issue of <u>The Learning Professional</u>
- Check out the Learning Forward blog
- Use the <u>Action Guide for</u> <u>Principals</u>
- Coaching Resources



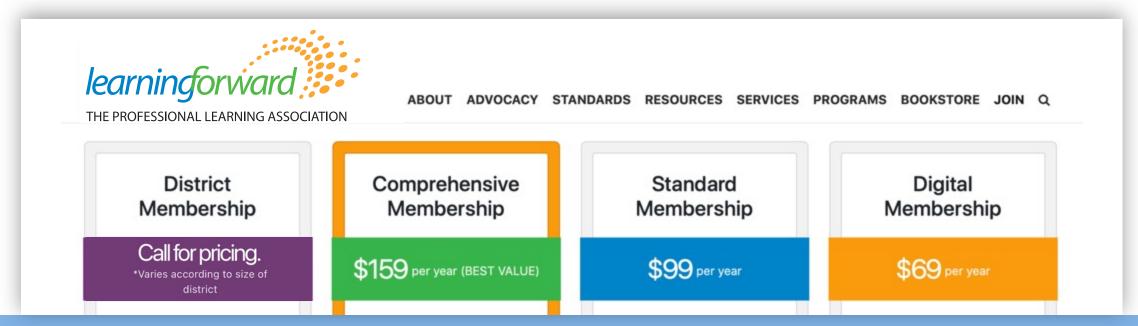


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