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Transforming Teaching and Learning Through Data-Driven Decision Making Routledge

Educators know that teachers are a school's most essential strength. In *Building Teachers' Capacity for Success*, authors Pete Hall (winner of the 2004 ASCD Outstanding Young Educator Award) and Alisa Simeral offer a straightforward plan to help site-based administrators and instructional coaches collaborate to bring out the best in every teacher, build a stronger and more cohesive staff, and achieve greater academic success. Their model of Strength-Based School Improvement is an alternative to a negative, deficit-approach focused on fixing what's wrong. Instead, they show school leaders how to achieve their goals by working together to maximize what's right. Filled with clear, proven strategies and organized around two easy-to-use tools--the innovative Continuum of Self-Reflection and a feedback-focused walk-through model--this book offers a differentiated approach to coaching and supervision centered on identifying and nurturing teachers' individual strengths and helping

them reach new levels of professional success and satisfaction. Here, you'll find front-line advice from the authors, one a principal and the other an instructional coach, on just what to look for, do, and say in order to start seeing positive results right now. Note: This product listing is for the Adobe Acrobat (PDF) version of the book.

Results Solution Tree

The announcement that "It's social studies time" often elicits dread from students who mistakenly view the subject as a near-death experience. And who can blame them when this fascinating subject has been stripped of the heartbreak, adventure, conflict, treachery, strategic brilliance, and spectacular foibles - in short, the humanity - that it's supposed to explain? Student apathy and rock-bottom test scores scream that it's time for a change - for unforgettable, not regrettable, social

studies. It's time for Social Studies That Sticks. In *Social Studies That Sticks* Laurel Schmidt introduces a brain-compatible approach to integrated, standards-based instruction, using the four elements of the human learning cycle: awareness, exploration, inquiry, and action. This dynamic approach brings content and concepts to life, while sharpening skills in questioning, thinking, reading, writing, and the visual and performing arts. It promotes academic achievement, models the habits of active citizenship, tunes students' ethical antennae to social problems, and teaches tools students can use to advocate for change. *Social Studies That Sticks* is a comprehensive, passionate, and user-friendly guide that: identifies essential social studies themes, standards, and skills

models maximum use of primary source documents, eye-witness narratives, biographies, and historical fiction describes how artifacts, objects, art, photography, and architecture can be tools for inquiry and learning explores the community of a social studies classroom tackles matters of cultural perspective, point of view, bias, and propaganda transforms current events into historical investigations maps vital steps for social-justice projects provides guidelines for essays, presentations, oral histories, personal narratives, and original historic writing outlines dozens of authentic assessments introduces the Learning Ledger for student self-assessment pinpoints archival material, hundreds of books and websites, and historical resources for research and classroom use.

Whether you use Laurel Schmidt's ideas to supplement your existing curriculum or you're ready to make your current textbook ancient history, *Social Studies That Sticks* will transform social studies time into lessons about history and humanity that last a lifetime.

Secrets to Success for Science Teachers Routledge

Memory is inextricable from learning; there's little sense in teaching students something new if they can't recall it later. Ensuring that the knowledge teachers impart is appropriately stored in the brain and easily retrieved when necessary is a vital component of instruction. In *How to Teach So Students Remember*, author Marilee Sprenger provides

you with a proven, research-based, easy-to-follow framework for doing just that. This second edition of Sprenger's celebrated book, updated to include recent research and developments in the fields of memory and teaching, offers seven concrete, actionable steps to help students use what they've learned when they need it. Step by step, you will discover how to actively engage your students with new learning; teach students to reflect on new knowledge in a meaningful way; train students to recode new concepts in their own words to clarify understanding; use feedback to ensure that relevant information is binding to necessary neural pathways; incorporate multiple rehearsal strategies to secure new

knowledge in both working and long-term memory; design lesson reviews that help students retain information beyond the test; and align instruction, review, and assessment to help students more easily retrieve information. The practical strategies and suggestions in this book, carefully followed and appropriately differentiated, will revolutionize the way you teach and immeasurably improve student achievement. Remember: By consciously crafting lessons for maximum "stickiness," we can equip all students to remember what's important when it matters.

Focus Routledge

According to author Mike Schmoker, there is a yawning gap between the most well-known

essential practices and the reality of most classrooms. This gap persists despite the hard, often heroic work done by many teachers and administrators. Schmoker believes that teachers and administrators may know what the best practices are, but they aren't using them or reinforcing them consistently. He asserts that our schools are protected by a buffer--a protective barrier that prevents scrutiny of instruction by outsiders. The buffer exists within the school as well. Teachers often know only what is going on in their classrooms--and they may be completely in the dark about what other teachers in the school are doing. Even principals, says Schmoker, don't have a clear view of the daily practices of teaching and learning in their schools. Schmoker suggests that we need to get beyond this buffer to confront the truth about what is happening in classrooms, and to allow teachers to learn from each other and to be supervised properly. He outlines a plan that focuses on the importance of consistent curriculum,

authentic literacy education, and professional learning communities for teachers. What will students get out of this new approach? Learning for life. Schmoker argues passionately that students become learners for life when they have more opportunities to engage in strategic reading, writing with explicit guidance, and argument and discussion. Through strong teamwork, true leadership, and authentic learning, schools and their students can reach new heights. Results Now is a rally cry for educators to focus on what counts. If they do, Schmoker promises, the entire school community can count on unprecedented achievements.

Teaching Matters Most Assn for
Supervision & Curriculum

Provides recommendations on ways to improve school performance.

Teaching in the Online Classroom Solution
Tree Press

Curriculum Leadership: Strategies for Development and Implementation, Third Edition is a one-of-a-kind resource written for educational leaders, teachers, and administrators. Responding to the need for globally connected classrooms and innovative leadership, this unique text provides a rich and inclusive foundation of curriculum. The authors draw upon a wide range of research and experience to provide readers with creative, up-to-date curriculum strategies and ideas. In sharing innovative programs, learning experiences, and new approaches, they build a solid connection for curriculum development from theory to practice, helping future leaders in education meet the global challenges of our time. Professional Learning Communities at

Work Heinemann Educational Books
Special education is often a confusing and expensive consideration of running a school. You have IEPs and BIPs in place, but are they really working? Find a refresher on the key legal rights of students with disabilities, along with methods for designing and implementing IEPs and BIPs that work, approaches to creating effective instruction and assessment practices, and opportunities for inclusion in the general education classroom.

How to Teach So Students Remember SAGE
How do you know if your school is improving? Do you know what really works in reading programs...in writing...in math...in science? How do we measure what works? What about teaching to the test--or to the vast array of standards being mandated? How do we effectively use cooperative

learning--and direct instruction--and alternative assessment? How do we sustain school reform? How do we get results--and measure them in terms of student achievement? In this expanded 2nd edition of Results, Mike Schmoker answers these and other questions by focusing on student learning. By (1) setting goals, (2).

The School Leader's Guide to Special Education
ASCD

Dave Stuart Jr. 's work is centered on a simple belief: all students and teachers can flourish. These 6 Things is all about streamlining your practice so that you 're teaching smarter, not harder, and kids are learning, doing, and flourishing in ELA and content-area classrooms. In this essential resource, teachers will receive: Proven, classroom-tested advice delivered in an approachable, teacher-to-teacher style that builds confidence Practical strategies for streamlining instruction in order to focus on key beliefs and literacy-building activities Solutions and suggestions for the most common

teacher and student “ hang-ups ” Numerous recommendations for deeper reading on key topics

What to Look for in Literacy ASCD

This essential guide helps teachers refine their approach to fundamental challenges in the classroom. Based on research from cognitive science and formative assessment, it ensures teachers can offer all students the support and challenge they need – and can do so sustainably. Written by an experienced teacher and teacher educator, the book balances evidence-informed principles and practical suggestions. It contains: A detailed exploration of six core problems that all teachers face in planning lessons, assessing learning and responding to students Effective practical strategies to address each of these problems across a

range of subjects Useful examples of each strategy in practice and accounts from teachers already using these approaches Checklists to apply each principle successfully and advice tailored to teachers with specific responsibilities. This innovative book is a valuable resource for new and experienced teachers alike who wish to become more responsive teachers. It offers the evidence, practical strategies and supportive advice needed to make sustainable, worthwhile changes.

[Leading the Common Core State Standards](#)
Corwin Press

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The Student Mindset Corwin Press

This book's three-step process outlines how to envision what great teaching looks like, measure current instruction against that standard, and work relentlessly to improve instruction accordingly.

On Common Ground Solution Tree Press
In The Student Mindset: A 30-item toolkit

for anyone learning anything, Steve Oakes and Martin Griffin provide clear, effective and engaging tools designed to help students plan, organise and execute successful learning. Successful students find a way to succeed. They get the results they want. And they achieve this not by superior ability, but by sticking to habits, routines and strategies that deliver those results. By cutting through the noise surrounding academic success and character development, bestselling authors Steve Oakes and Martin Griffin have identified the five key traits and behaviours that all students need in order to achieve their goals: vision, effort, systems, practice and attitude (VESPA). These characteristics beat cognition hands down, and in *The Student Mindset* Steve and Martin provide a ready-made series of study strategies, approaches and tactics designed to nurture these qualities and transform your motivation, commitment and productivity. The book's thirty activities, while categorised thematically under the VESPA umbrella, have been organised around six key phases of learning so that you can recognise which phase you're in before choosing from the range of tools and techniques to help you get through it. The six co-existing key phases are: preparation; starting study; collecting and shaping; adapting, testing and performing; flow and feedback; and dealing with the dip. At each phase you'll experience challenges and discover new ways of working, and this book's activities have been designed to help you gain control and

become a better learner by sharing workload management tactics and revision strategies associated with calm, purposeful study and ultimately getting good results. These tools include a range of effective prioritisation, stress reduction, procrastination-busting and mindset development approaches all neatly packaged into this outstanding practical guide to becoming a successful and confident student. Suitable for all students. Shortlisted for the Non Obvious Book Award.

Leaders of Learning Simon and Schuster
Every teacher knows the challenge of trying to engage reluctant readers and struggling writers—students whose typical response to a writing prompt is a few sentence fragments scribbled on a sheet of paper followed by an elaborate shrug of the shoulders. The best way to

engage less confident readers and writers is to give them something powerful to think about. The Discourse and Writing Cycle explores writing as a means to focus student thinking, fuel deeper learning, and build complex understanding in English, social studies, math, and science. This field-tested approach from well-respected experts Eleanor Dougherty, Laura Billings, and Terry Roberts is designed for use in grades 4 – 12. The book explores the three interrelated sequences of the cycle—the Discourse Sequence, the Transition to Writing Sequence, and the Writing Sequence—and includes classroom examples and sample lesson plans from across the content areas. The cycle will inspire you as a teacher and help you to inspire your students to write with confidence and competence. “ How often we dim or extinguish the creative sparks that can come from good writing! William Butler Yeats proclaimed that ‘ Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. ’ This book lights the fire for the teaching of writing. ” —John Hattie,

author of the Visible Learning books

Focus ASCD

This easy-to-read guide provides new and seasoned teachers with practical ideas, strategies, and insights to help address essential topics in effective science teaching, including emphasizing inquiry, building literacy, implementing technology, using a wide variety of science resources, and maintaining student safety.

The Art and Science of Teaching ASCD

Help staff focus on results, and implement SMART (Strategic and specific, Measurable, Attainable, Results based, and Time bound) goals to transform your school into a place where every student meets or exceeds standards. The authors present four success stories from real SMART schools and several frameworks for adult and student goal setting

that lead to real results.

The Power of SMART Goals Scholastic Inc.

Presents strategies for teaching oral reading along with information on how it increases word recognition, fluency, and comprehension.

Building Teachers' Capacity for Success Corwin Press

This book for school leaders details how to implement authentic PLCs in schools and districts. Its aim is not to sell the work of PLCs, but rather to assist school leaders and teachers in developing the knowledge and tools necessary to do the work of building and sustaining real PLCs. Grounded in Venables' foundational training and work with the Coalition for Essential Schools, this book unites collaboration, facilitation, data inquiry, using protocols for student and teacher work, designing comprehensive formative assessments (CFAs) and planning data-based instructional intervention into one cohesive handbook. In a step-by-step manner, this book lays out how to establish and do the work

of PLCs right the first time. And for schools already dabbling with teacher collaboration and who have instituted a version of PLCs-lite, this work can help existing groups go deeper in the doing the work of authentic, effective PLCs.

The Better Writing Breakthrough Routledge
Many educators agree that we already know how to foster student success, so what is keeping common sense from becoming common practice? The author provides step-by-step guidance for overcoming the barriers to adopting the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and achieving equity and excellence for all students. As an experienced teacher and principal, Cheryl Dunkle is well-versed in staff members' perspectives and gives school leaders valuable tools for fostering the teacher and parent buy-in needed to put the CCSS into practice. This practical guide shows leaders how to implement the CCSS, which will

ultimately result in continuous quality improvement in schools. Leading the Common Core State Standards addresses the following key issues and more:

Learning by Doing Solution Tree Press

This two-part Implementation Guide will help to deepen your understanding and sharpen your ability to implement each of the strategies discussed in *Leading School Change: Nine Strategies to Bring Everybody on Board*. Part One offers discussion questions and activities which focus on each of the nine strategies. They can be completed by an educator working individually or addressed collaboratively and interactively by a group or leadership team from a school, district, or organization. This guide will greatly enhance your group's ability to implement any change you would like to make in your organization. Part Two consists of a Quick Start Step-By-Step Action Plan. It is for individuals and leadership groups to use once they have a full understanding of the nine

strategies and are ready to start implementing the changes they need to improve their organizations.