

VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

LEADERSHIP EFFECTIVENESS

Levers for Effective Leadership
Dr. Mike Schmoker

Watch the video individually or with a team. While you watch think about how the school leadership team influences improvement.

AFTER WATCHING THE VIDEO, DISCUSS AND ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

- What is the principal's role in shaping instruction?
- What are the conditions Dr. Schmoker says leadership influences?
- How is your school organized to ensure that the greatest number of students learn the most every day?
 - To test your belief, observe five to seven classrooms and record what you see.
 - Is Dr. Schmoker correct? Did you see movies, worksheets, and “aimless activities”?
 - If so, what might you do to change this?
- How might you verify that teachers understand why you are asking them to use specific strategies?
- How often do your students read and write critically? If not enough, how could this be addressed?
- What is the power of model teaching?

NOW, PUT WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED TO WORK:

- Consider the problem areas you identified while discussing the questions above. Choose one or two of them to address in the next month.
- Review your curriculum documents to be sure that they are explicit and that teachers know what to do.
- Create or revise your school improvement plan. Be sure you address specific steps and define the data to be collected as evidence of implementation.