A New Kind of Leadership

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Leadership has always been challenging. Challenging in a good way, of course.

Principals love a challenge when it comes to doing something right for kids. For many of us, our communication skills with staff members, communities, and kids is one of the reasons why we are currently in the principalship. We know how to work with people and to lead them in the right direction for kids. We know how to build positive relationships with all of our stakeholders to ensure we are moving forward, together.

None of us thought we would be in this position, but here we are, making it up as we go.”

It is a different time. It calls for a new kind of leadership. Think about the role principals around the state have played in the last two months, leading a group of adults and kids who are no longer in the building while ensuring...
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AWSP has been there for all of us through this time. This is about learning from each other to ensure kids get what they need. Talk about an organization stepping up for its membership! They have always been there for us when we need help with anything — and they are also here through this crisis.

The team at AWSP is here to help us lead our staff through the social-emotional side of this pandemic and what it is doing for the adults who are not in the building. They are here to help us lead our staff in getting really good at distance learning, and to do that really fast. They are here to help us lead our staff through a plan where they can sustain this distance learning for a long period of time. AWSP is here to help us lead our staff through the idea of switching from engagement to learning in a distance learning model.

All in all, it is an amazing time to lead. Our teachers will be stronger and our schools will be better than ever because of our leadership through this time. As we have all said before, they did not teach us this in “Principal School.” No, they did not. However, AWSP is here to help you learn as you go. Take advantage of their leadership to help yours.

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