
Preface to the Second Edition

Many of the precepts of school leadership spelled out in this guide transcend time limits. They worked yesterday, work today, and will work tomorrow. One of these enduring principles is that learning is a lynchpin of successful leadership.

Since the publication of the first edition of *Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way*, effective school leaders have learned some new skills and strategies and some new ways to apply old standards. That's why an updated edition is both timely and needed.

This new printing contains updated insights, fresh approaches to persistent challenges, and newly discovered responses to unprecedented developments.

If you are reading this manual for the first time, you will find a complete package of essential information and techniques to make you a more effective school leader today. If you are revisiting this book, you are in for an invigorating refresher course (School Leadership 101), complete with the latest tweaks and twists you need to maintain a competitive edge.

There are many managers in today's schools, but far fewer genuine leaders (God bless 'em). Reading or rereading this guide can help you move to the head of the class and stay there—if you let it.

But only you can choose whether you want to lead, follow, or get out of the way. Which will it be?