

LeaderTalk Contributors

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I am currently Superintendent at PCSD#2 in Guernsey, Wyoming. This is my first year after serving as a teacher and principal for 13 years in western Nebraska. My interests lie in the area of developing staff and student strengths to improve schools. I am also interested in using technology to improve instructional delivery and the current model of schooling.

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I am the principal of a multicultural Catholic school, Pre-K to 8, in Los Angeles, California. I have been here for 16 years, 7 years as principal and 9 years teaching Junior High School. I am committed to the integration of technology across the curriculum and have been a conference presenter on this topic on numerous occasions.

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My labor of love is with the Oklahoma City Public Schools where I am principal of Westwood Elementary School, the Hippest School in America. I am an editorial advisor of NAESP, leadership board for ASCD, and cranky mother to two teenage boys and terrible wife to my beloved husband Pat who is also a school administrator. My goal in life is to inspire the teachers in my school to such greatness that I can sit around in my office all day reading movie magazines and eating bon-bons with no ill effects to school-wide teaching and learning.

Kevin Brady

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I have spent my teaching and administrative career throughout Virginia at both the elementary and secondary level. I earned my Ph.D. from Virginia Tech in 2000 and my research interests include educational leadership, organizational theory, and change implementation. When not at work I enjoy NASCAR, kayaking, and bowling.

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Transforming teaching, learning and leadership through the strategic application of technology has been Miguel Guhlin's motto. As a veteran educator comfortable with modelling the use of technology at the classroom, campus, and district level, he has a simple goal. That goal is to use powerful technologies to transform practice and enable learners to communicate and collaborate with each other. As Director of Instructional Technology for a large urban district in Texas, President of the state-wide Technology Education Coordinators group in one of the largest United States technology educator organizations, he continues to model the use of emerging technologies in schools. You can read his published writing, engage him in conversation via his blogs at <http://www.mguhlin.net>.

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Currently in my first year as principal. I was the director of an alternative high school for 5 years prior. Taught social studies and was a Dean of Students at a middle school and a high school.

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I am proud to say I am both an educator, currently a high school principal at the Shanghai American School in Shanghai, China and a learner, a doctoral candidate with Argosy University. This is my thirteenth year working in private, international schools in four different countries: Niger, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, and now China. After ten years as an administrator, I still love my job, at least I do on most days.

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I am passionate about educational leadership, literacy, and the rights of ALL children to receive a quality education. I dislike educators that have forgotten why they went into education. I love my job and my life.

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I have worked in education for 20 years. My jobs have included teacher, instructional technology facilitator, state department consultant, and university administrator. Currently, I direct K-12 programs (media, technology, art, athletics, healthful living, second languages, distance learning) for the Carteret County (North Carolina) Public School System.

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I am an elementary school principal in Deerfield, Illinois. I officially entered the Blogosphere after attending Alan November's BLC Conference in July, 2006. After spending a day with Will Richardson learning all about blogging and other really cool stuff, I was hooked! I have found that writing blog posts is a great way to share my thoughts and opinions about education and parenting.

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I am a husband, father, educator and Chicago White Sox fan dedicated to increased achievement for my students, a collaborative environment for my staff and open, honest communication with my community.