

**IF I BECAME PRINCIPAL**

(20-30 minutes)

OBJECTIVE

Students write a suggestion for their school on a “campaign button,” incorporating the idea that the principles of fairness should guide rules and the consequences for breaking rules.

MATERIALS

“If I Became Principal” badge

GET READY

- ✓ Duplicate *If I Became Principal* buttons.
- ✓ Gather colored pencils, marking pens, etc. for decorating the buttons.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ✓ Let’s pretend that each of could be the next principal of our school, and you need to do one important thing to make our school better for all students.
- ✓ Ask students to write or draw their idea on the button handout. Remind your students to think of an improvement that would benefit the entire school community.
- ✓ Give students time to color and cut out the buttons as well as to write or draw their ideas.

- ✓ Have students share their suggestions with the class by forming an “Inside Outside Circle” to read each other’s ideas. (It also makes good reading practice.) Children form two concentric circles and turn to face each other. After reading the partners’ buttons, one circle moves clockwise to the next person and the new pairs read each others’ buttons. Proceed until perhaps five pairs have shared.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ *What were some of your suggestions? Who would benefit from these improvements?*
- ★ *Is there a way that you can help your suggestion come true? What can you do?*

SUGGESTED ASSESSMENT:

- ★ *Students can complete the If I Became Principal handout.*



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CAMPAIGN BUTTON

IF I BECAME PRINCIPAL...

A large circular button with a thick black border. Inside the circle, the text 'IF I BECAME PRINCIPAL...' is written in bold. Below the text are seven horizontal lines for writing. The button is attached to a ribbon with two grey, pointed ends.