

the Virginia Principal - April, 2021

Hey Jim,



The LEAD

VAESP Annual Conference June 27-29, 2021

Plans for the Conference continue. **Please note that our attendance capacity is limited due to CDC and State health guidance.** We are rapidly moving towards our limit on registrations. Don't wait, **REGISTER TODAY!** The conference is being held on **June 27-29, 2021** at the Delta Hotel by Marriott, Virginia Beach Bayfront Suites. Rooms are currently available for Sunday (27th) and Monday (28th) nights. There is limited availability for Tuesday (29th). Unfortunately, the early registrations booked all of the Saturday night rooms. **Schedule, Registration and Hotel Reservations are available at www.vaesp.org** . If conditions with COVID change and if needed to protect the health and safety of our staff and members, VAESP will move the conference to a virtual format.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



4 ways principals can excel as instructional leaders
District Administration

District Administration Magazine

Principals can collaborate more with teachers on instruction when principal supervisors focus on coaching rather than compliance, a new report says. Though principals can accelerate student learning by more than two months, they neither get the support they need in guiding instruction nor do they have sufficient time to work with teachers, says "The Untapped Potential of the Principal Supervisor" by the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching.

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Why mental health is the key to dealing with learning loss

EdSource

The best way schools can help students catch up academically after a year of distance learning is to ensure they feel relaxed, safe and connected to their friends and teachers as they return to the classroom. A year after the pandemic forced school districts to close campuses, students across California are beginning to return to the classroom at least a few days a week. But their experiences during the pandemic and their needs upon returning to school — academically, as well as emotionally — have varied greatly.

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Students need emotional support when returning to school in person.

Here's how

Education Week (commentary)

Phyllis L. Fagell, a contributor for Education Week, writes: "When my school resumed in-person classes this winter, I watched as a 5th grade boy splayed on his stomach across the chair in class, his arms extended like Superman. He wasn't trying to be funny; he was simply trying to ground himself. After months of toxic stress, his ability to pay attention and self-regulate had been compromised, and as much as he detested remote learning, the return to school hadn't been a panacea. He was happy to see friends but also tired easily, bristled at perceived slights, and struggled to produce work"

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Calendar Check

June 27-29, 2021, VAESP Conference Virginia Beach

July 8-10, 2021, NAESP Annual Convention, Chicago, ILL



You PD'D? Jenn David Lang shares:

The number of complex problems educational leaders are facing right now is mind boggling.

And the truth is, you can't change anything until *people* change. This is why I appreciate that the authors of ***The Influential School Leader*** draw on the field of psychology to share tips on the human side of change. If you are dealing with COMPLEX CHALLENGES (re-opening school, equity, accelerating learning, etc.), this book can help.

Resources for you this month.

- My usual 8-page [summary of the book](#)
- 1-pager: [Framework to better understand complex problems](#)
- See the podcast and Book Talk with the authors below

PS - The publisher is offering 20% off the price of the book with the code FLY21: [Routledge](#)

Working on a plan to re-open your school for 2021-22?

Join Jenn and the authors of *The Influential School Leader* for a free, live, interactive session to learn about their framework for dealing with COMPLEX CHANGE.

Wednesday, April 28

6pm ET/3pm PT

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