# Change Agents Needed! Please Apply!

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#### **Session Description**

This session will focus on leadership skills needed to engage, move, and build a world language department. Whether you are an administrator (current or future), lead teacher, or simply someone that has the respect of the department, this session will provide you with concrete ways to help your colleagues make the change that is needed to move the department to the next level. Let's brainstorm together to be that agent of change we look for in our leaders.

### Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Importance of Moving Forward Together
- 3. Communication
- 4. Importance of being a Leader
- 5. Change vs. Status Quo how to balance
- 6. Helping teachers grow, building trust and relationships
- 7. Modeling change
- 8. Teacher to Administrator
- 9. Setting Goals
- **10. Effective Communication**
- 11. Making Change Happen
- 12. Data's Influence

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# Questions to ponder when considering entering leadership...

- Why should I put myself out there and lead?
- What skills must I possess?
  - Do I have what it takes to lead a department?
- Balancing expectations, work ethic, and communication skills
  - How do I avoid disappointment when things aren't done the way I expected?
- How do I identify the change that is needed?
- How is change made?
  - Why make change?
- How do we make change?
  - o How do I empower my teachers to make that change?
- What does success look like?
  - Can it be measured?

### **Our Risk Today!**

- Use leadership quotes and images to present
- Use the quotes to get us to think deeply about leadership – or not!
- Relinquish control and allow for a more free flowing type of conversation
  - Use the quotes to guide our conversation
- Share our collective leadership experience in an hour!

### **Everyone is moving together**



### BUT, how does this happen?



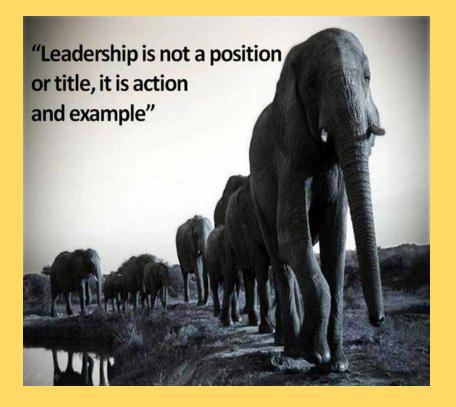
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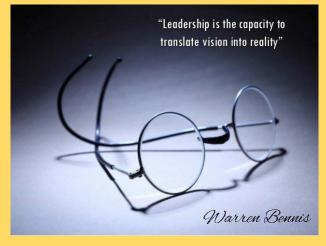


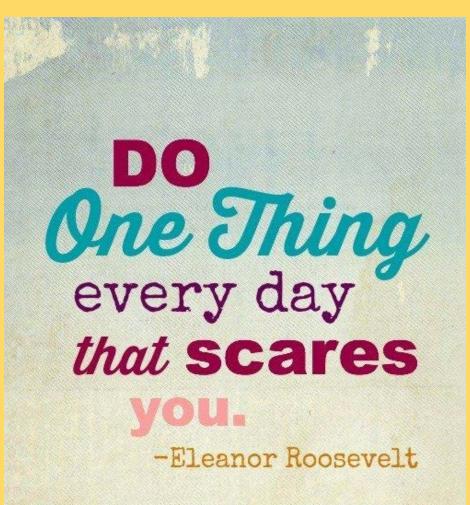


"Leaders are – by definition – change makers. When you are called to lead, you are called to advance, move forward, and improve the situation"



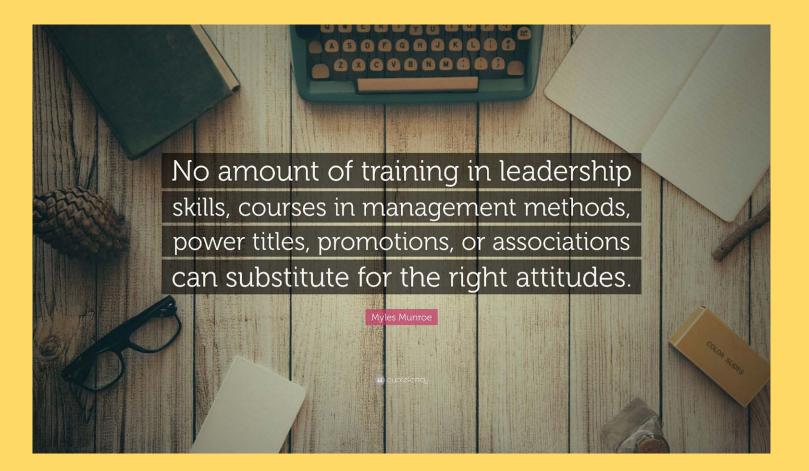












#### "Failure is an opportunity to grow" **GROWTH** MINDSET "I can learn to do anything I want"

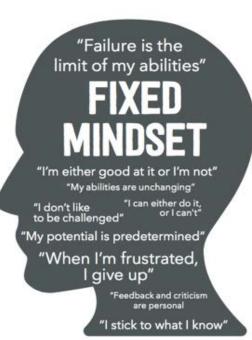
"Challenges help me to grow"

"My effort and attitude determine my abilities"

"Feedback is constructive"

"I am inspired by the success of others"

"I like to try new things"



The ability to learn is the most important quality a leader can have.



A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves

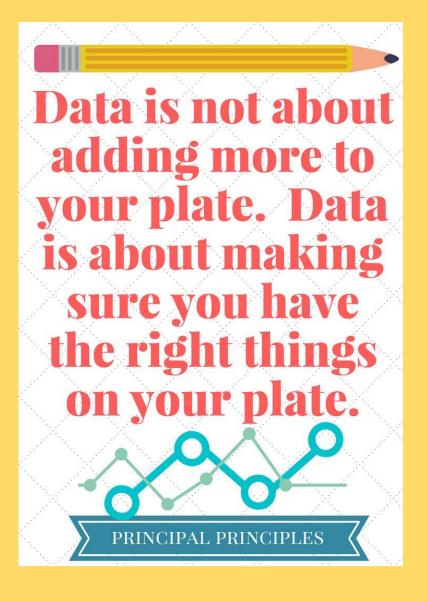
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"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be."







"The most important rule of educational leadership is to always remember that people, not policies or programs, are what drive highly effective schools."

- PJ Caposey in Education Week Teacher



### Resources to help move your department

- ACTFL
  - Available webinars support your move to the 5 C's and Modes of Communication by putting theory to practice
  - Publications will allow you to form a learning community with members of your departments
  - Conference is the largest and most comprehensive
- NYSAFLT
  - Available webinars show what it possible in the classroom presenters are usually NYS educators
  - Conference, meetings, and links to regional groups will assist you in connecting to other colleagues
- NADSFL
  - Documents support your attempts to move best practices and to share principals of effective WL programs
  - Resources to share with other administrators during walk throughs

### Resources to help move your department

- Annenberg Learner
  - Learner.org
  - Teacher resources and professional development across the curriculum
    - Theory through discussions and then videos to highlight those best practices in WL classes
- The Teaching Channel
  - Video resources
- NYSED OBE & WL
  - State documents on WL standards, etc
- ASCD
  - Resources and articles to help educational leaders
- FLACS