

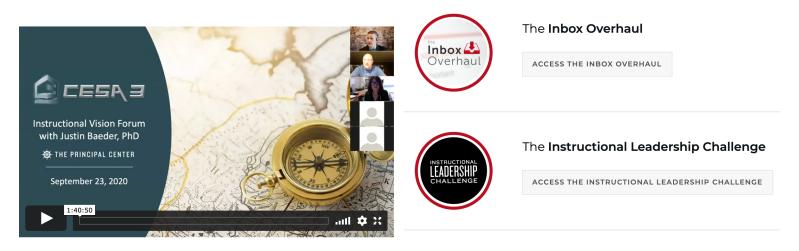


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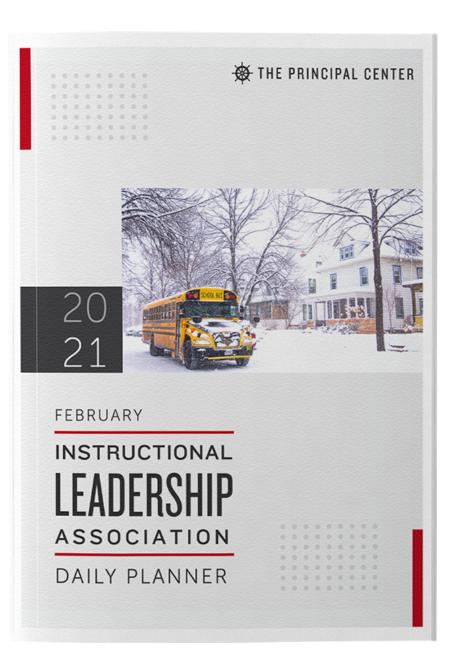
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Our Essential Question

How can we get more of what's working in professional practice?

In This Session:

- Affirming positive practices (Matt Renwick)
- Feedback practice—video lesson (Matt Renwick)
- Documenting what's working (Justin Baeder)
- Developing a framework of shared expectations (Justin Baeder)
- Email tips (Justin Baeder)



Part 1

Affirming Positive Practices

Matt Renwick





Part 2

Feedback Exercise

Matt Renwick





Part 3

Documenting What's Working

Justin Baeder



Noticing What's Working

The first step in getting more of the kind of practice you want is to

notice it

when you see it.

Discuss

- •What's a practice that you have noticed is working well in your school this year?
- •Where did you first notice it?

Spreading the Word

- Staff newsletter
- Individual feedback
- PLCs
- •Whole staff

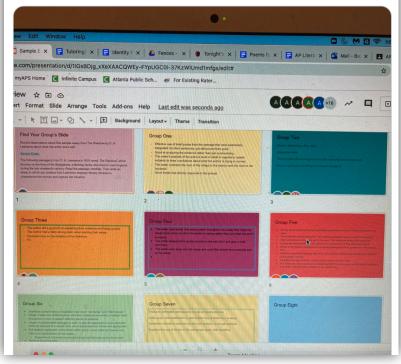


Spreading the Word



Susan Barber @susangbarber

If you create a slide for each breakout room group and have students work there, you can set to grid view and see which groups need help and track their progress while on Zoom. Thanks to @HerreraKM1 for the idea.



- Google Slides
- Breakout rooms
- Grid view
- Have students change slide background color if they need help

Spreading the Word

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...but sometimes it's not that easy.

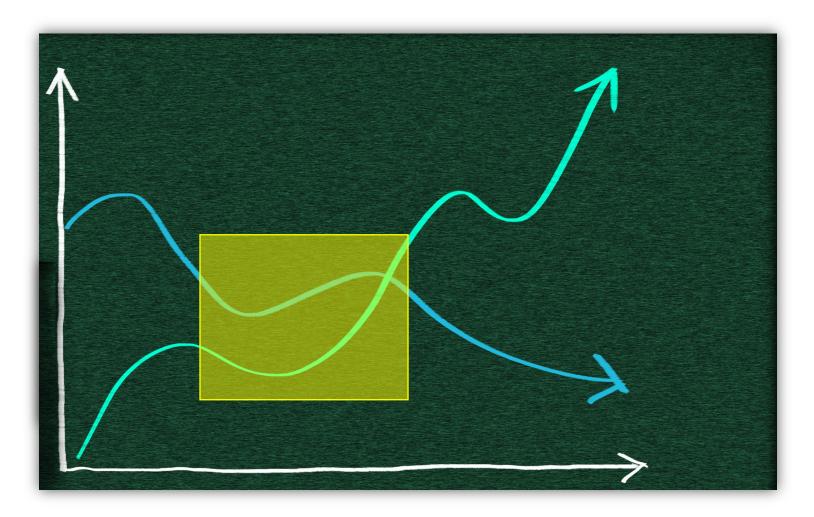
Discuss

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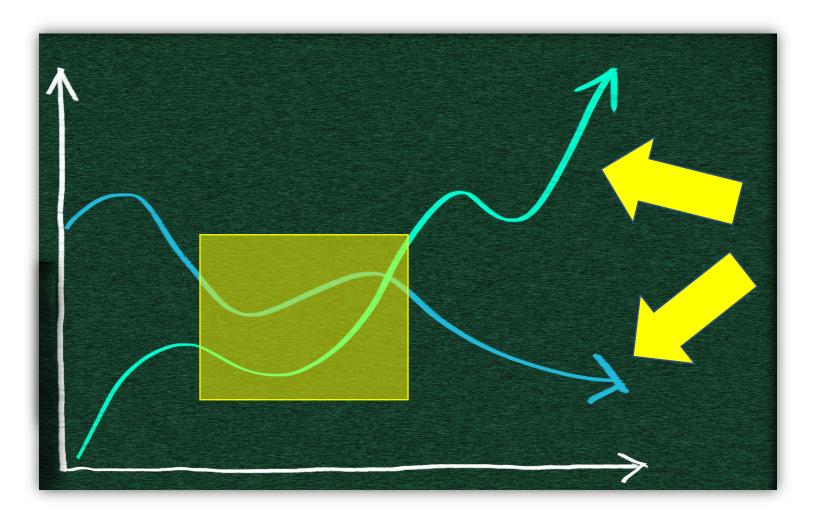
Why Don't People Adopt Promising Practices?

- Different priorities
- Limited bandwidth
- Comfort Zone/Competency Trap
- Diffusion of Innovations

The Competency Trap (Comfort Zone)



The Competency Trap (Comfort Zone)



The Competency Trap (Comfort Zone)

As an instructional leader, you play a key role in documenting effective practices so others can adopt them.

The best way to document a practice is with a framework.

Beware of Bulk Change



Bulk Change & Resistance

Asking everyone to change at once maximizes resistance:

- Little evidence the change will be an improvement
- Collective skepticism & fear
- Little capacity for implementing the change
- Lack of momentum

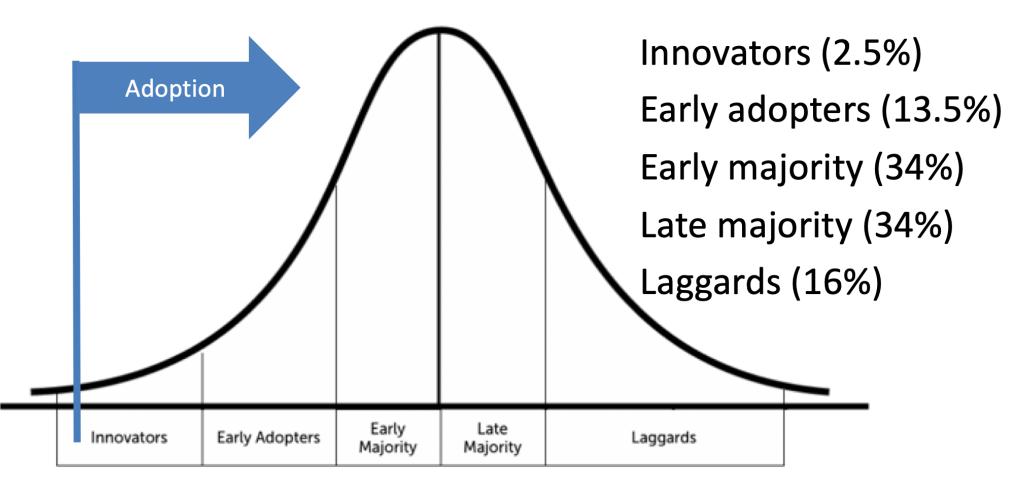


Lean Change & Learning

- Help the right people go first
- Figure out the details
- Share evidence of success
- Build momentum



Diffusion of Innovations



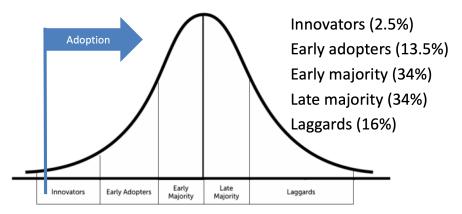
From *Diffusion of Innovations*, by Everett Rogers, 1962, 2003

Who Goes Next?

- According to Rogers' Diffusion of Innovations model, people change in a certain order relative to their peers
- This order is a fairly fixed personality trait—not specific to the type of change
- People take their cues from the group immediately to the left
- Each group provides evidence for the next group

Discuss

- Do you have any "innovators"? How do you know?
- Who do the "early majority" look to as early adopters, and what are they doing right now?
- Who's in the "early majority" who may go next?
- When have "laggards" blocked change in the past?



From Diffusion of Innovations, by Everett Rogers, 1962, 2003



Part 4

Developing A Framework of Shared Expectations

Justin Baeder



Designing Frameworks of Shared Expectations

How can we get more specific and clearer about shared expectations?



Getting More Specific

- Buzzword
- Checklist
- Frequency rubric
- •True framework

Component		Level 1		Level 2	Level 3	Level 4			
						Expectations are tightly			
	г a	Component		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4		
Standard	a s n u n		Students are given a test at the end of the unit, or a d∉		The teacher identifies	The teacher breaks large assignments and units into	The teacher communicates clear milestones, with exemplars of work in		
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Communication	s e v		er te di fa		High expectations are intended to challenge only the highest-achieving students, while remaining out of reach for the majority. To meet high expectations, students must have prior knowledge / skills that the majority of students do not have, and that are not taught by the teacher. Students with IEPs, who speak English as a second language, or who experience other learning difficulties are presumed to be incapable of meeting high expectations regardless of their effort.	High expectations are intended to challenge everyone to do their best, but the teacher presumes that many students—especially students who experience learning difficulties—will be unable to meet then. Both extraordinary effort and prior knowledge/skills are necessary for meeting high expectations, placing them out of reach for the majority of students. The teacher sees it as someone else's job to provide support for students who need it.	High expectations are intended to challenge all students, and the teacher presumes that all students will be able to meet them with appropriate support. The teacher identifies and	intended to challenge all students, and the teacher takes responsibility for collaborating with students and other professionals to design the specific supports students will need to meet	
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The Gold Standard

The best instructional frameworks are **leveled rubrics** with clear, qualitative differences between each level of performance—not just varying degrees of the same thing.

More Than A Rating Scale

A. Equitable Learning Environment:							
1. Learners engage in differentiated learning opportunities and/or activities that meet their needs							
2. Learners have equal access to classroom discussions, activities, resources, technology, and support							
3. Learners are treated in a fair, clear and consistent manner							
4. Learners demonstrate and/or have opportunities to develop empathy/respect/appreciation for differences in abilities, aptitudes, backgrounds, cultures, and/or other human characteristics, conditions and dispositions							
B. High Expectations Environment:							
1. Learners strive to meet or are able to articulate the high expectations established by themselves and/or the teacher							
2. Learners engage in activities and learning that are challenging but attainable	gage in activities and learning that are challenging but attainable						
3. Learners demonstrate and/or are able to describe high quality work			hinking (o.g.				
 Learners engage in rigorous coursework, discussions, and/or tasks that require the analyzing, applying, evaluating, synthesizing) 	engage in rigorous coursework, discussions, and/or tasks that require the use of higher order thinking (o.g. g, applying, evaluating, synthesizing) Very Somewhat Not						
5. Learners take responsibility for and are self-directed in their learning	Evident	Evident	Evident	Observed			
C. Supportive Learning Environment:							
1. Learners demonstrate a sense of community that is positive, cohesive, engaged, and	4	3	2	1			
2. Learners take risks in learning (without fear of negative feedback)	Λ	3	2	1			
3. Learners are supported by the teacher, their peers and/or other resources to unde	4	-	2				
4. Learners demonstrate a congenial and supportive relationship with their teacher 4 3 2							

Effetictive Learning Environments Observation Tool (ELEOT 2.0)

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Frequency/Extent Rubrics

Many rubrics' levels of performance differ only in:

- The extent to which an expectation is met
- How often the expectation is met/the practice is used
- How many characteristics are expected ("Distinguished: Everything in proficient plus...")

		Strong evidence of fidelity of implementation (5)	Some evidence of of implementat (3)	-	Little or no evidence of fidelity of implementation (1)	Not observed	Performance	
C	M9 Voice	Teacher always uses calm, respectful voice	Teacher sometimes uses		Teacher often speaks with raised, angry, sarcas- tic, pleading, or rushed voice		and	
t	M10 Responding o students' verbal articipation 2.6 Plans and	Teacher pauses briefly and then responds or calls on another student; does not use voice-overs Example: Student answers, "All mammals have fur." Teacher nods and asks, "What else do all mammals have?"	Teacher some pauses and/or occ ally uses voice-ove	casion- ers	Teacher never pauses and often uses voice- overs Example: Student responds, "All mammals have fur." Teacher says, "Yes, fur." Teacher says, "Yes, fur."		Performance Indicators	
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	The teacher actively: uses alternative data resources and serves model in his/her abil design relevant lesso challenge and motiva students.	and state's standa as a role curriculum, da ity to and appropria ns that resources to r	ards, the school's his/her standar standar data, and engaging standar data, or meet the needs of resource		The teacher is inconsistent in his/her use of the state's standards, school's curriculum, data, or strategies and resources to meet the needs of all students.		The teacher fails to plan, or plans without adequately using the state's standards, school's curriculum, data, or strategies and resources to meet the needs of all students.	

True Qualitative Rubrics

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Component

3a: Communicating with Students

Proficient

The instructional purpose of the lesson is clearly communicated to students, including where it is situated within broader learning; directions and procedures are explained clearly and may be modeled. The teacher's explanation of content is scaffolded, clear, and accurate and connects with students' knowledge and experience. During the explanation of content, the teacher focuses,

Distinguished

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The teacher links the instructional purpose of the lesson to the larger
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curriculum; the directions and procedures are clear and anticipate
possible student misunderstanding. The teacher's explanation of content
is thorough and clear, developing conceptual understanding through clear
scaffolding and connecting with students' interests. Students contribute
to extending the content by explaining concepts to their classmates and
suggesting strategies that might be used. The teacher's spoken and written

Developing Frameworks

How can we develop instructional frameworks to make shared expectations clear?

Example: High Expectations

Step 1: Brainstorm Key Components

What are the key components of having high expectations for student learning?

Key Components of A Practice

- •*Not* steps in a procedure
- •*Not* simply more buzzwords
- •Key factors in teacher decision-making
- •Elements of skillful practice
- Dimensions of professional judgment

Key Components: High Expectations (Solo First Draft)

- •Standard
- Communication
- Inclusivity
- Rigor
- Milestones
- Scaffolding

Key Components: High Expectations (Solo First Draft)

Component	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Standard				
Communication				
Inclusivity				
Rigor				
Milestones				
Scaffolding				

Example: High Expectations

Step 2: Note What You Notice

What am I seeing that fits into my draft framework?

Note What You Notice

- "Mr. Smith has extremely high expectations for neatness, but they're not really related to the standards. He's just very picky."
- "All of Ms. Ramirez' students seem to have done really high-quality projects. I wonder what milestones she built in to keep them on track."
- "The SPED teacher said Mrs. H. has been sharing details about an upcoming project so they can work together to support a student they share."
- "A lot of the questions on this assignment seem to be low-level factual recall, but the standards involve a lot of higher-order tasks."

Revise Your Key Components

- As you observe more, note dimensions of the practice that you may have overlooked
- Do these components capture the "insider's perspective" of a teacher?
- Is anything so procedural or obvious that it's not worth including as a key component?

Example: High Expectations

Step 3: Organize Into Levels

What are different levels of performance like?

Key Components: High Expectations (Solo First Draft)

Component	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Standard	Picky; unrelated			
Communication				
Inclusivity				
Rigor	Factual recall Q?			
Milestones			Ramirez—project	
Scaffolding			Ms. H/SPED collab	

Calibrating Your Levels

Step 4: Calibrate Levels

How good is good enough? What's the best possible practice?

Calibrating Your Levels

Level 1: Starting point; apprenticeship of observation

- Level 2: Taking action; doing the basics
- Level 3: Satisfactory; local best
- Level 4: Professional model; best anywhere

Example: Common Sense

- Who has "common sense"?
- Who doesn't seem to have common sense?
- Examples?
- Dimensions?

Example: High Expectations

- Key Components:
- Standard
- Communication
- Inclusivity
- Rigor
- Milestones
- Scaffolding

High Expectations—Levels Component: "Standard"

- 1. The teacher's expectations are not based on standards, and are not communicated to students. While expectations may be demanding, it is unclear whether they will result in increased learning.
- 2. The teacher's expectations are somewhat aligned with standards, but misalignments may allow students to meet the teacher's expectations without meeting standard, or vice-versa. Expectations and standards are communicated in adult language that is hard for students to understand.
- 3. Expectations are closely aligned to standards, and both are communicated to students in developmentally appropriate language. Meeting the teacher's expectations results in students also meeting the standards, as a result of close alignment between the two.
- 4. Expectations are tightly aligned to standards, and communicated to students in developmentally appropriate language. The teacher identifies specific links between past and current learning, and makes it clear how students' previous work has prepared them to meet the current high expectations. Students engage with standards directly, and can articulate how they are working toward meeting them.

High Expectations—Levels Component: "Communication"

- 1. Students are informed of high expectations, but as a warning to expect difficulties, rather than a reassurance that they'll be able to succeed.
- 2. The teacher clearly communicates what students will be expected to do, and personally conveys confidence in all students and a willingness to support them in reaching the standard.
- 3. The teacher clearly communicates a specific standard, accompanied by the clear message that the teacher understands that it's a high standard, and has confidence in each student to meet it. The teacher shares exemplars of work that meets the standard, and indicates specific ways in which students will be supported.
- 4. The teacher clearly communicates a specific standard, identifying ways in which it builds upon students' past learning and accomplishments, giving students both a verbal commitment and specific evidence that they are capable of reaching this standard. The teacher identifies specific ways in which students will be supported, and provides before-and-after exemplars of student work illustrating the impact of these supports.

High Expectations Rubric

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Example: Minilessons

Step 1: Key Components

Step 2: Levels of Performance

Designing Frameworks of Shared Expectations

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Part 5

Tips for Handling Email Faster

Justin Baeder



3 Counterintuitive Keys to Email

The Power of Zero
 Decisional Minimalism
 Fight Asymmetry Head On

Counterintuitive Key #1: The Power of Zero

How many emails belong in your inbox?

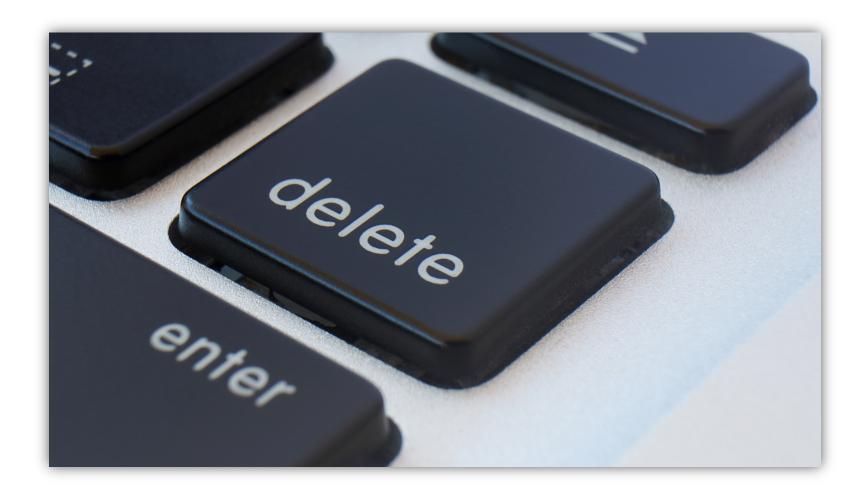
Your Inbox Is Just An Inbox



A Vision For Your Inbox

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Email "Bankruptcy"



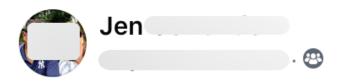
A Safer Way To Declare Email Bankruptcy

- •Create a new folder or tag: "Email Bankruptcy MONTH YEAR"
- Move all emails out of inbox
- •Don't tell anyone

How Does It Feel?

After moving everything in your inbox to an "Email Bankruptcy" folder...

- What do you need to go back and check?
- How does it feel to see zero emails in your inbox?
- What will you do when your next message comes in?



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High school principal here. I use Outlook email for work and like to archive important emails into folders. I'm finding I have so many folders it's cumbersome! Can you share your email organization? Thank you!



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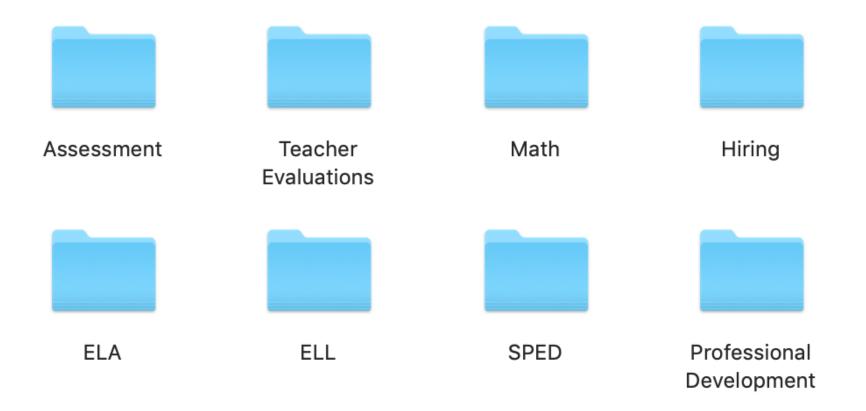


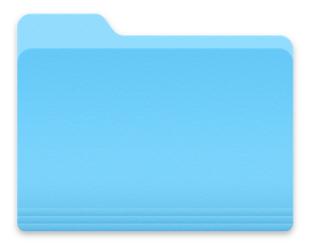
I'm asking for myself, because I know no one else has this problem (smile), but how do you organize your email? What is your daily email protocol(s)? How do you file them? What do do you keep/delete? Thanks in advance for your help and suggestions!

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22 Comments

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Archive

Decision	Minimalist Answer		
Which folder?	Archive		
Save or delete?	Save		
Where did I put that?	Search		

Let me know in the chat:

Who emails you?

- Parents
- Teachers
- Other staff
- Students
- District administrators
- Salespeople
- Publishers
- News outlets

- Past vendors
- Prospective vendors
- Researchers
- Job applicants
- Automated software
- Social networks

Keep your responses brief

The Problem

E-mail takes too long to respond to, resulting in continuous inbox overflow for those who receive a lot of it.

The Solution

five.sentenc.es

Treat all email responses like SMS text messages, using a set number of letters per response. Since it's too hard to count letters, we count sentences instead.

five.sentenc.es is a personal policy that all email responses regardless of recipient or subject will be five sentences or less. It's that simple.

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If You...

- Get to zero
- Implement decisional minimalism
- Fight asymmetry head-on

...will email be less stressful and a more effective leadership tool?

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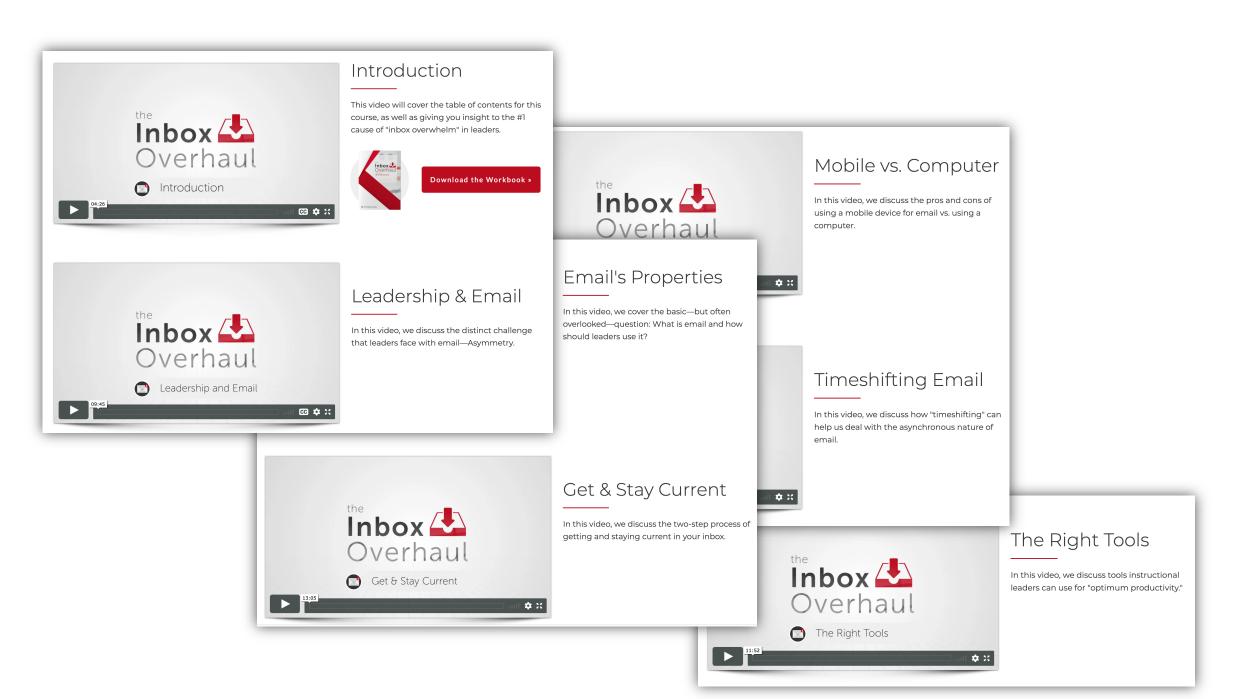
What's your #1 takeaway so far?

Are You Ready To Be Done With Email Overwhelm?



If You're Done With Email Overwhelm, Here's What You Need To Do

- 1. Use email as a leadership tool
- 2. Understand how email is designed
- 3. Get & stay "current"
- 4. Use your mobile device appropriately
- 5. Timeshift your email
- 6. Use the right complementary tools



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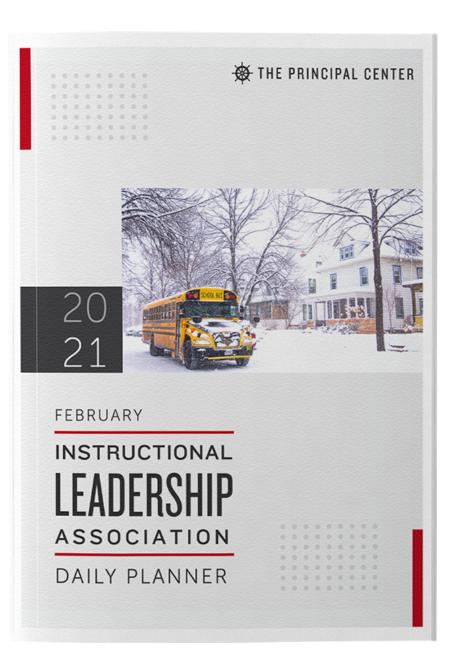
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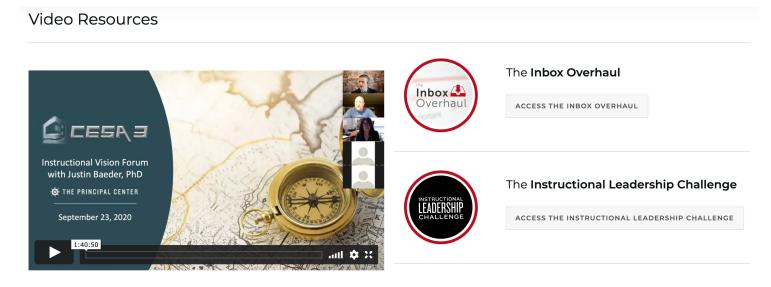
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