



Improving life and leadership of assistant principals

Assistant Principal Podcast Content Episode Outline

Show title and release date: It is simpler than you think!

Show Description:

At the beginning of this school year, North Carolina embarked on a two-year, \$90-million journey to train every elementary and teachers and administrator in a program called LETRS, which aligns to Science of Reading standards, a research-based approach to teaching reading. The training focuses on building a knowledge base about how students learn to read, as opposed to being a collection of strategies. This knowledge base comes at a steep price – about 160 hours of study and training in order to learn it. Breaking down the numbers, over the two years, each administrator and teacher will be asked to spend almost 30-minutes a day learning LETRS, and NC will spend a minimum of \$2,000 on each person.

For experienced teachers who have the time and desire to dig into the science of reading, LETRS might be a great resource, but for the teachers who are struggling just to survive each day, for the early career teachers who are still working through the basics of managing a classroom, planning lessons, and using formative assessments, a huge comprehensive program makes no sense.

For less than 30-minutes a day and less than \$2000, you can help many of your teachers to live and teach better immediately. Better yet, the process is simple. Not always easy, but simple.

Inset Show Intro

Celebrations:

The Big Idea

Summarizing (The big takeaway)

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Well Colleagues, this brings us to the point in the episode where it is your turn to participate by making an intentional choice. If you do nothing with what you have just heard, then you have spent the last 30 or so minutes being entertained. But if you do choose to do something, then you will have made an investment in your own leadership. If you already have a clear idea of how you can apply **what you've heard today**, that's wonderful. If not, let me offer three possibilities:

1. Specific to the show topic
2. Forward the show link to a colleague and say "you have got to listen to this, I want us to talk about it"
3. Identify the one big takeaway or question from this episode and share it with me. You can share a written, audio, or video message with me by emailing me at frederick@frederickbuskey.com

Thank you for including me on your leadership journey. Remember that you can walk more with me by subscribing to my daily leadership email and Quadrant2, my monthly micro-journal. And if that isn't enough, we can walk further together in APEx, my virtual paid community for assistant principals. APEx helps you network with other APs and participate in group coaching with me! You can learn more about APEx and my other offerings at my website, frederickbuskey.com.

I look forward to seeing you again on Friday when we recap this week's daily emails.

I'm Frederick Buskey and thank you again for joining me on this episode of the Assistant Principal Podcast. Remember to subscribe so you don't miss a single episode. Cheers!