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Tom Hierck has been an educator since 1983, in a career that has spanned all year levels and included many roles in public education. His experiences as a teacher, school leader, department of education project leader and executive director have provided a unique context for his education philosophy.

Tom is a compelling presenter, infusing his message of hope with strategies culled from the real world. He understands that educators face unprecedented challenges and knows which strategies will best serve learning communities.



Tom has presented to schools across North America and internationally, imparting a message of celebration for educators seeking to make a difference in the lives of students. His dynamic presentations explore the importance of positive learning environments and the role of assessment in improving student learning. True to his belief that 'every student is a success story waiting to be told', Tom is passionate about working with teachers and school leaders to create positive school cultures and build effective relationships that facilitate learning for all students.

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What Am I Prepared To Do Differently?

What Resonates With Me?	Things I Plan To Start Doing

The EYE

"Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life—think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success."

—The Swami Vivekananda

The EYE is the **process** by which schools **envision** and develop a clear, compelling picture of the school they want to become. What will your school look like when it's a GREAT place for students?

- What does our school look like when it's a GREAT place for students?
- What does our school look like when it's a GREAT place for staff?
- What does our school look like when it's a GREAT place for parents?

In 3 Years, What Do We Want Our Ideal School To:

Look Like	Sound Like	Feel Like

For clarifying the EYE for Your School ask:

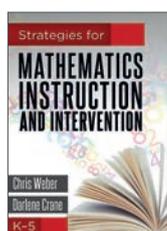
1. Can you describe the school we are trying to create?
2. What would our school look like if it were a great place for students? What would it look like if it were a great place for teachers?
3. It is five years from now, and we have achieved our vision as a school. In what ways are we different? Describe what is going on in terms of practices, procedures, relationships, results, and climate.
4. Imagine we have been given sixty seconds on the nightly news to clarify the vision of our school to the community. What do we want to say?
5. Decades from now, if they build a statue to remember your school, in one sentence, what will the plaque say?

Point to the future and describe, in clear terms, the school you imagine that doesn't yet exist. If others volunteer to help build that future then, and only then, do you become a leader

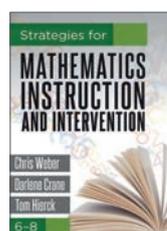
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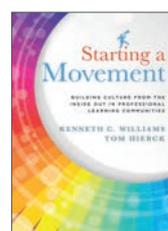
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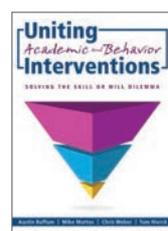
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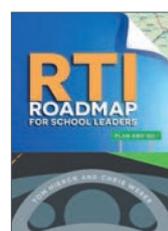
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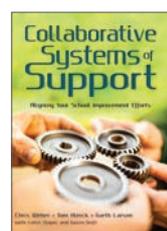
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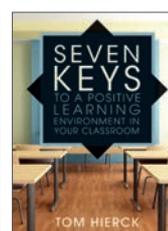
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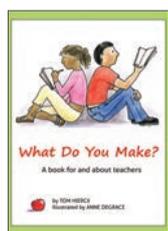
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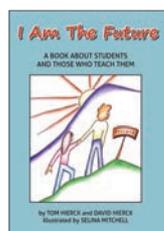
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