



## COLLABORATIVE TEAMS THAT TRANSFORM SCHOOLS: The Next Step in PLCs

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**Synopsis:** "Collaborative Teams That Transform Schools: The Next Step in PLCs" offers a practical, comprehensive model of effective professional learning communities. In this user-friendly guide, educators will find research-based steps and strategies designed to increase the effectiveness of collaborative teams and enhance PLCs. Educators will discover how the PLC process can transform critical components of education-including curriculum, assessment, instruction, and teacher development-and use reproducible agendas, scales, and checklists to improve school wide practices. "Collaborative Teams That Transform Schools: The Next Step in PLCs" includes: A model of effective instruction and strategies for direct instruction; An exploration of resources for collaborative teams to use as they have honest and challenging discussions, set and monitor norms, and focus on the right work; Charting progress and transformation with self-evaluation surveys; study vignettes that depict how real schools have successfully implemented the strategies outlined in each chapter; Answers to comprehension questions to review each chapter's main points.

**Critique:** Exceptionally well organized and presented, "Collaborative Teams That Transform Schools: The Next Step in PLCs" is enhanced with the inclusion of four appendices (Answers to Comprehension Questions; Resources for Collaborative Teams; The New Taxonomy; A Model of Effective Instruction); an eight page listing of References & Resources; as well as a four page Index. "Collaborative Teams That Transform Schools" is very highly recommended for school district and academic library Contemporary Educational Issues reference collections and supplemental studies reading lists.