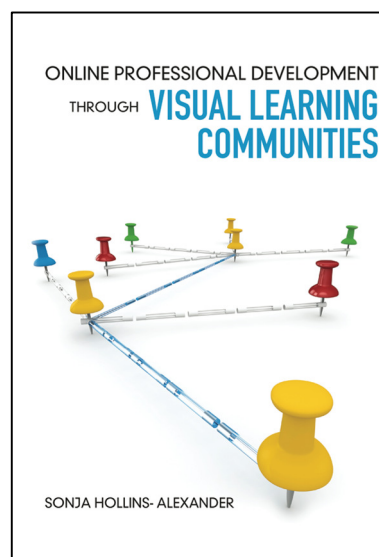


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Summary

Online learning seems like a perfect solution for cost-conscious districts and busy teachers, but can these programs also deliver high-calibre professional development? Using one district's success story as a model, this timely book shows how to combine well-designed online instruction with energy of peer-to-peer collaboration. At the heart of this book is a model that supports powerful professional learning that increases educator effectiveness and results for every student.

Sonja Hollins-Alexander writes from her own experience building a successful online professional development (PD) program for a large urban district. Readers will find:

- research-based support for online PD and the author's original Learner-Learner model
- a thorough planning guide and ten action steps for professional development
- best practices for managing staffing and resources
- strategies for establishing a true community of learners online.

Discover how to create a sustainable online PD program that promotes collaboration and growth!

Supporting Resources

- The Five Disciplines of PLC Leaders* (SOT1861)
- Digital Citizenship in Schools, Second Edition* (IST0671)
- Using Technology with Classroom Instruction That Works, 2nd Edition* (112012)
- Improving Achievement With Digital Age Practices* (CO2434)