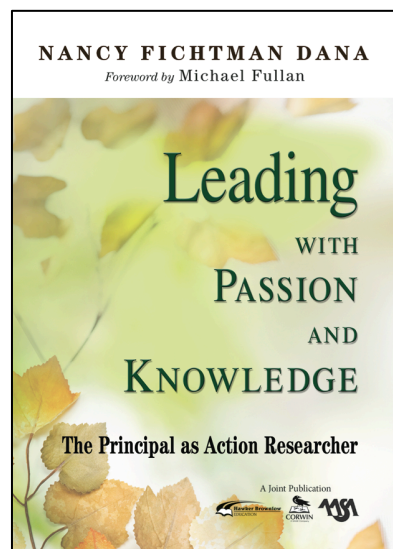


Leading With Passion and Knowledge: The Principal as Action Researcher

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Summary

While much has been written about the effectiveness of action research for improving the practice of teachers, few resources exist for leading principals through the process to strengthen their professional development and their role in school improvement efforts. Best-selling and award-winning author Nancy Fichtman Dana guides the principals in identifying and exploring areas of interest for research, including staff development, curriculum development, individual teachers, community/culture building, leadership skills, building management and school performance.

Using a journey metaphor, this text will take you through the process of inquiry. With a step-by-step approach, this resource:

- helps principals develop a question, collect and analyse data, and share the results of their inquiry with school faculty, the district and the broader education community
- includes numerous examples of actual principal inquiry to illustrate each step of the research process
- provides exercises to guide principals through their own inquiry projects.

Use this proven method of professional development to continually cultivate your craft and improve school performance!

Supporting Resources

- *Instructional Leadership for School Improvement* (EYE7151)
- *Digging Deeper Into Action Research: A Teacher Inquirer's Field Guide* (CO3011)
- *The Action Research Guidebook* (CO7559)
- *Improving Teaching with Collaborative Action Research: An ASCD Action Tool* (111006)