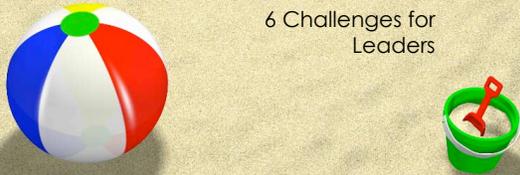


Aligning with the Iowa
Core Curriculum

6 Challenges for
Leaders

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1: Help People Make
Sense of the ICC

- Develop an elevator speech that captures the intent of the ICC and explains how all of the initiatives within the district are focused on supporting the ICC

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Question:

- How do all of the initiatives we have in place fit into the big picture?

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2: Keep the focus on the instructional core- the interaction of teacher, student, and content



Question:

- What is our theory of action (If....Then....) that keeps the focus on the interaction between the content, teacher and student?
- Can all staff articulate that theory of action?



3: Work for Alignment Within the System

- Move from the "3 system model" to one that is aligned preK-12
- Use the tools and resources provided to collect data and set goals in each of the 6 outcome areas



Question:

- How do we make connections preK-12 to ensure that the curriculum is aligned, that instruction is uniformly rigorous, and that assessments are for learning not solely of learning throughout the system?



4: Work with parents and other patrons in concerted ways to help create a public sense of urgency



Question:

- What can we do in our district that can raise the level of concern about the need for a different type of education for this different, global society without creating a crisis of confidence in our schools?



5: Be Bold About How You Use Technology



Question:

- How can we use the power of social media and networking, the access to information and data, and inter-connectivity to enrich our students' educational experiences?



6: Advocate for Transparency of Practice



Question:

- How can we promote sharing of student work, common lesson design, observing one another teaching, building data derived from walk-throughs, and other practices that promote transparency?