

Reading List – Collaborative leadership in schools

Research indicates that effective leadership requires a move away from a top-down approach to one that is distributed and collaborative. This reading list presents a number of examples and case studies of schools in which the staff and other stakeholders have worked together to accomplish the vision and aims of the school.

Making decisions through the distributed leadership model

Southworth, G

A case study of how coordinated approaches to both distributed leadership and decision making are more effective than having everyone work autonomously.

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Investigating the links to improved student learning: executive summary of research findings

Wahlstrom, KL; Louis, K S; Leithwood, K; Anderson, SE

Educational leadership is explored through three lenses (collective, shared and distributed leadership), outlining the components and impacts of each of them.

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Distributed leadership

Harris, A

Professor Alma Harris emphasises that structures within schools need to change to allow people to work together more effectively and achieve distributed leadership.

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Leadership is ... distributed

Woods, P; Roberts, A

This video argues that all leadership is distributed and your choice as to how to approach it is the key.

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A model for stronger schools

Bierly, C; Doyle, B; and Smith, A

An infographic exploring how distributed leadership builds stronger and higher-performing schools.

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8 Differences Between Traditional and Collaborative Leaders

Lindegaard, S

A comparative look at eight major differences between the traditional top-down leadership approach and the new style of collaborative leadership.

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