

Dr. Christine Neumerski studies how school leadership has evolved since the COVID-19 pandemic and outlines:

5 Practices of Successful Principals

2. Implement Solutions

Districts want principals who lead, not just ones who follow rules. The best leaders customize directives to solve real-world problems and innovate within their school's context.

3. Foster Well-Being

Schools can't thrive without caring for their people. Principals play a key role in creating cultures of care—for students, teachers, staff and themselves.

4. Center Equity

Post COVID-19 leadership demands an equity lens. Principals must address disparities in access and opportunity, tailoring education to meet diverse needs.

1. Build resilience

Principals must lead through uncertainty with strength and adaptability. Resilience is no longer optional, it's a learned, essential skill for navigating ongoing stress and change.

5. Develop Political Savviness

Tense school board meetings and polarized communities require leaders who can build trust, bridge divides, and stay grounded under pressure.



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