

I thought of myself as a small fish

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I can remember early in my teaching career thinking there was no way I would ever want to be a principal.

I had no idea how the principal managed to have all the right answers, could make the teachers happy, could make the parents happy, and have students excited to come to school. As I progressed in my career, I realized that the principal doesn't always have the answers and does not please everyone. It was a humbling moment when I realized the principal is a person, but the principal is a person who sees the potential everyone brings to the room and uses it to be successful. I realized the power of being a leader was inside of me.

For most of my life I have thought of myself as a small fish in a big pond, the idea that I am one of many. This concept has helped me to see that at times everyone can be a leader and everyone can be a follower. Being a leader means knowing your strengths and weakness and the strengths and weakness of those around you. While the leader is representing everyone, it is the power of everyone working together that makes the group strong. I can proudly say that I am one of many. Anticipated Outcomes Being a leader in education means looking at all facets of the school, students, teachers, faculty, parents, and community.

Being here so those around me are advancing. Helping people to become a leader as well and using the strengths that people have to propel others to success. Importance of relationships in success. Working as a mentor. Helping people to achieve their own goals through support and guidance.

Embracing the idea of being a life-long learner. This is the model for everyone in the school system. Using each day as an opportunity to learn something new. Idea of education being a stepping stone to life. Education is the backbone of the working community. An education should give students the tools to be productive members of society as adults.

Relationships are the foundation for an excellent school.

These relationships should be built in a way that enhances everyone involved, students, teachers, parents, the community, etc. Student learning & community of learners. Focus on students gaining knowledge through the use of many and not limiting how someone can learn. Communication. Sharing and collaborating to ensure success. Learning in innovative, self-motivated ways that aren't traditional, but rather personal.

Using technology to enhance the classroom and fully engaged in the online world. Teaching students to look at school in different ways that may not be considered traditional. Working to build a foundation that focuses on everyone involved to make the experience personal