

Leadership Session for Project RENEW

This is a leadership development project and your presence here means that you are taking leadership for your school or district.

Dyad: What brings you here? Why do you want to be part of this project?

Leadership: What is it? People have different conceptions of what leadership is and who is a leader.

In all of our projects the definition of leadership is *taking responsibility for what is important to you.*

Since we spent some time today looking at beliefs about learning – take some time now to write about:

What is important to you in regards to your students' mathematics learning?

Have a vision and communicate it.

Communication includes verbal and non-verbal language. It is why we devote time in this institute for you to reflect on your own beliefs, assumptions, and how your experiences have shaped these.

Act with integrity - speak up and act on what you believe should happen for students in schools.

The testing issue....the standards.

You must do the thing that you think you cannot do. E. Roosevelt

Use structures that enable each beginning teacher with whom you work to develop their own understanding, and to think more clearly about their students and their mathematics classroom.

This means providing the opportunity for the beginning teachers to figure things out with your support. It means sometimes holding back information on what you would do and asking them what they think makes sense to do.

Support, encourage and develop the leadership of others, particularly those whose background and experiences are different from yours.

Dyad: Which of these is the most challenging for you and why?