

Leaders Do 5 Things: Taking the Helm in a Turbulent World Author Kevin R. Miller



In Kevin's book he does a great job of tackling the job of a leader, providing 5 lenses to look through to lead in today's world. Looking through the lens of education I was impressed with how applicable the 5 lenses are and how they can apply to our schools today.

“Leadership is the Greatest Force Multiplier on the Battlefield.”

Envision - Kevin describes the power of a mission statement, and how knowing our purpose can guide us like the North Star. Using his military experience Kevin discusses its mission and how it is simple yet effective in ensuring we all know what the organization stands for.

Enroll - Creating ownership is key to an organization, this is explained in 5 steps: Hire for success, Onboard Effectively and Immediately, Instill excitement for the vision, help create personal vision and action, recognize and reward the best behaviors.

Enable - As leaders we must provide the wind, or the resources for our people. This is where we must provide the training and skills needed to help people be successful.

Engage - Kevin discusses leadership vs. managership and the difference between the two. Ultimately the best organizations and schools have great leaders not managers although at times we must do both.

Explore - Be curious and trying new things can help, explore new horizons, reinvent yourself but not the wheel. What new horizons await us in the world of education.

This is a great book that has some great ideas on leadership. Each principle applies well to education, and can help us improve as school leaders. Kevin is a local author that also presents in schools and does a great job.

- Ryan McGuire -