


Blue Sky Thinkers





Blue Sky the Future of Education




	<p>“The Future of Education Report, 2023-2024” from future design school (Click here)</p> <p>Areas of interest – Pitfalls of Strategic Plans, Meeting Your School’s Objectives and Key Results, OKR examples, Data and Culture, Building High Performance Teams and more...</p> <p>I am not advocating for one provider over another, but they have some great resources. So much great stuff in this article.</p>
	<p>“The Future of Education and Skills – Education 2030” (Click here) Report on the future of education from the OECD – “The Future We Want”.</p> <p>Three challenges – environmental, economic and social and how we might serve to solve them through education.</p> <p>A great read and discussion for LT and at the Board level.</p>
	<p>World Economic Forum 2020 article at start of pandemic, but still relevant, “Schools of the Future – Defining New Models of Education for the Fourth Industrial Revolution. (Click here)</p> <p>Eight Key Findings are the basis of this report, and even more interesting are the exemplars from 20 schools from around the world.</p> <p>A very interesting read, particularly post-pandemic and considering perhaps might have changed in that short window.</p>

Blue Sky School Leadership




	<p>From Harvard Business Review – “Research: How the Best School Leaders Create Enduring Change” (Click here)</p> <p>Summary straight from the article...“Transforming a school is a long, hard, and often lonely task. But an eight-year study of the actions and impact of 411 leaders of UK academies offers some insight in what to do...”</p>
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	Article lays out nine building blocks and suggest having six, at a minimum, is a requirement.
	<p>Donna Orem, recently departed Head of NAIS, writes in February of 2023 “Navigating 2023: What Should Be on School Leaders’ Radar?” (Click here)</p> <p>The quick summary of the five...Technology, Mental Health, Trust and Polarization (US?), Labour Shortages and the Fear in the Economy.</p> <p>Great reminder about what should continue to be on every school leader’s radar.</p>
	<p>“Networking and adapting their way forward: Women heads of large, K-12 independent schools and their leadership literacies” (click here)</p> <p>This is an incredibly rich article from the Klingenstein Institute at Columbia, well researched and a great read.</p>

Blue Sky Student Life – This Week...Advisory Systems

	<p>From AMLE – “Creating a Culture of Connectedness through Middle School Advisory Programs” (Click here)</p> <p>From anecdotal comments, to characteristics of an effective Advisory program detailed and explained.</p> <p>This is a great article to use as you examine the effectiveness of your own advisory system. Also, check out the “References” for more!</p>
	<p>From Greater Good Magazine – “Five Tips for Teaching Advisory Classes at Your School” (Click here)</p> <p>The author suggests the keys are...using advisory to foster school culture, give strong support from the school, create a safe and vulnerable environment, differentiate advisory from school curriculum, have a plan but be flexible, and, ask the big questions.</p> <p>There are so many articles to begin the dialogue on your advisory system and this one starts with simple principles.</p>
	<p>“Developing a Curriculum for Advisory” from the NAIS website (Click here)</p> <p>One might look at this, from 2004, and wonder if it still has relevance, but I believe it very much identifies the core of an effective advisory. Certainly, the main elements are there.</p> <p>One of the articles I would suggest if you were looking to re-examine the effectiveness of your advisory program.</p>

Blue Sky School Advancement

	<p>From ISM – “Four Fundraising Trends You Should Consider Now for Your School” (Click here)</p> <p>Independent School Management article that lays out the 4 Key Trends for Fundraising from this past April, 2023.</p> <p>Good reminders about where priorities should be in the year 2023.</p>
	<p>The 2022 Inspired School Marketers Awards (Click here)</p> <p>Many categories to browse. Enrolment, Fund Raising, Identity Makeover, Magazine, Inbound Marketing, Advertising, Once and Done, Photography, Website and Biggest Risk.</p> <p>You can spend hours of “Inspired” time here...</p>
	<p>A short article from GG and A - “Board best practices for independent school fundraising” (Click here)</p> <p>Five key considerations for boards.</p> <p>A simple short article, but with Board meetings on the horizon in September, perhaps something that might be passed to the Chair for discussion with other boards members! Insert quick overview of article.</p>

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