

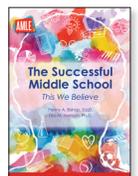


## Reflection Activity — Block Party

*adapted from the National School Reform Faculty*

At the end of each section of the book study, there are a series of quotes. Use the quotes to conduct a block party.

- Facilitator makes copies of the quotes for each section.
- Cut into individual quotes. You may choose one quote per participant, or repeat some quotes as necessary.
- Participants randomly select quotes/cards and spend a few minutes reflecting upon their quote's meaning for them and their work. (3 minutes)
- Participants mingle and share quotes in pairs. Participants are encouraged to share with three other participants in 5-minute segments. (10 minutes)
- (Optional) Form triads or quads and share quotes and insights about the text and its implications for our work. (Extension: Speculate on the purpose/origin of the text.) (10 minutes)
- Whole group sharing of ideas and questions raised by the experience. This can be done popcorn style or as a round, but is usually not a conversation. (10 minutes)
- Debrief the process. (5 minutes)





## Culture and Community Quotes

*"Building and sustaining a positive school culture is the all-encompassing factor of a successful school."*

*Alicia Bond*

*"A sign you have a positive workplace culture is laughter. Just listen to how much laughter there is where you work."*

*Sam Glenn*

*"You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try."*

*Beverly Sills*

*"Trust is the glue that holds a collaborative culture together."*

*Platt and Tripp*

*"The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving."*

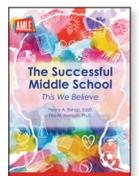
*Oliver Wendell Holmes*

*"Great schools are as one; they are quite clearly in the same boat, pulling in the same direction in unison."*

*Lickhona and Davidson*

*"Creating a collaborative culture is the single most important factor for successful school improvement initiatives."*

*Kenneth Eastwood and Karen Seashore Lewis*





## Culture and Community Quotes

*"Strong, positive school cultures result in increased student achievement and motivation."*

*Jeanne Gibbs*

*"The greatest glory in living lies not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall."*

*Nelson Mandela*

*"The very problems you must overcome also support you and make you stronger in overcoming them."*

*Daniel James Brown*

*"Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great."*

*John D. Rockefeller*

*"The only impossible journey is the one you never begin."*

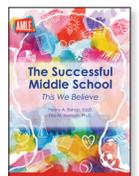
*Tony Robbins*

*"Building a positive school culture is everyone's responsibility."*

*Unknown*

*"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."*

*George Bernard Shaw*





## Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Quotes

*"Embrace learning, not teaching, as the fundamental purpose of your school."*

*Rick DuFour*

*"Find the teachers who are the LEARNERS in a building and become their friends."*

*Carol Ann Tomlinson*

*"My teacher thought I was smarter than I was, so I was."*

*Anonymous*

*"Teachers have been and still are our nation's greatest resource for good."*

*John H. Lounsbury*

*"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples."*

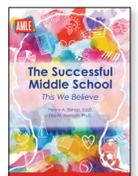
*Mother Teresa*

*"Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort."*

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

*"The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you."*

*B. B. King*





## Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Quotes

*"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."*

*Henry Brooks Adams*

*"Teachers plant the seeds of knowledge that last a lifetime."*

*Unknown*

*"When we do the best we can we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the lives of others."*

*Helen Keller*

*"The only impossible journey is the one you never begin."*

*Tony Robbins*

*"You can teach a lesson for a day, but if you teach curiosity, you teach for a lifetime."*

*Unknown*

*"There is always more than one right answer. We need to seek to find it."*

*DeWitt Jones*





## Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Quotes

*"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think."  
Albert Einstein*

*"In order to grow you must push against the edge of your comfortable  
envelope."*

*DeWitt Jones*





## Leadership and Organization Quotes

*"A good principal knows how to shape a culture in which the vision can be achieved."*

*Jody Spiro*

*"Failure is only the opportunity to begin again more intelligently."*

*Henry Ford*

*"Leadership is not about being in charge. Leadership is about taking care of those within your charge."*

*Simon Sinek*

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

*Margaret Mead*

*"There are no good schools without good principals. It just doesn't exist. And where you have good principals, great teachers come, and they stay, they work hard, and they grow."*

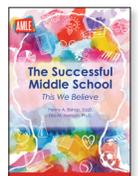
*Arne Duncan*

*"The real role of leadership is climate control. Great leaders create a climate of possibilities."*

*Sir Ken Robinson*

*"I have seen that in any great undertaking it is not enough for a man to depend simply upon himself."*

*Lone Man, Sioux Indian*





## Leadership and Organization Quotes

*"In all my travels around the world, the most important decisions were made where people sat in a circle, facing each other as equals."*

Dan West

*"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but where they ought to be."*

Rosalynn Carter

*"The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving."*

Oliver Wendell Holmes

*"One of the most important things principals can do to improve student achievement is to spread leadership around."*

Jody Spiro

*"Put the team before yourself."*

Pat Summit

*"Shared leadership means many more people than the administrators have the information and the power to make decisions and enact changes."*

Turning Points 2000

*"The only thing of real importance that leaders do is to create and manage culture."*

Edgar Schein, MIT Professor

