AIMING TO BE A 21ST CENTURY PRINCIPAL

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The foremost concern of the school administrator is to become a 21st century principal who entails distinctive features and characteristics. In aiming for excellence, a leader must manifest better leadership in congruence with the attributes of the 21st century principal.

The 21st century principal must:

**Empower others make decisions wisely.** The school principal should encourage his/her co-workers to practice the rule of authority in deciding on matters within the confinement of his/her work in the classroom or in the office.

**Build trust and confidence in your school community.** A school leader must have the trust of his people. By being trustworthy and being a person to lean and rely on invites the confidence of teachers, school personnel, students, parents and of the entire community.

**Enhance Emotional Intelligence.** Emotional intelligence entails self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and relationship management. The 21st century leader uses one’s heart judiciously and prudently in dealing with people and in facing various situations in the school.

**Be an inspiration.** As a school principal, serving as an inspiration would be great advantage to the school as a whole. The teachers, personnel, students and parents love to see an exemplary leader who exudes remarkable qualities as a leader.
Recall the lesson from the past. As a leader you must have recalled the things that happened in the past. You need to consider how you are going to face a new situation with the lessons of the past undertaking. Getting the good ones and discarding the mistakes may be greatly helpful.

Remember that you are responsible for everything that happens in your school. Be a leader of responsibility and accountability. If you realized this, it would be easier for you to be strong and firm in facing the challenges that may come your way.

Understand that the main reason for you in your position it is because of the students. The 21st century leader considers the students as in the center of learning. The most important people in the school are the learners.

Develop highly effective innovative people. The school principal should empower the teachers to be innovative most especially in the teaching instructions. The novelty in the school may be stimulated by the 21st century school leader.

Introduce the best practices for 21st century teaching and learning. The 21st century principal should encourage the teachers to apply the best teaching practices for the success of the teaching-learning interaction.

Define your personal and professional goals. The 21st century principal should have distinctive personal characteristics and advanced professional achievements not for oneself but also for the benefit of the entire school.

Always remember that as a 21st century principal, you have to embrace yourself with these actions for the benefit of the students, teachers, personnel, parents and of the entire school community.
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