

New Case Studies of Successful School Principal Leadership

Principalship in, New Zealand, Cyprus, USA, Turkey

The papers in this session are based on new research with successful principals from four countries. These countries have joined the International Successful School Principalship Project (ISSPP) which was originally formed five years ago as an eight country international study of successful school principals. The presenters will report their findings from case studies conducted in each country.

The ISSPP is a large and important project which over the past seven years has produced more than 70 multi-perspective case studies across eight countries, an international principal leadership survey distributed in seven countries, and yearly symposium presentations at numerous international conferences and numerous individual papers. The project continues to grow with several more countries conducting multiple perspective case studies (Cyprus, New Zealand and Turkey have begun), others indicating a desire to join the project (Kenya, the Netherlands, and South Africa), whilst some countries are conducting more case studies (the USA). This session will present new case findings that will build on earlier research findings from the ISSPP. New participants for this session include: Cyprus, Turkey and New Zealand. The USA case studies from Texas/Mexico will bring in another perspective of success from a different context within the US.

Session Outline:

1. Introduction and outline of International Successful School Principalship Project (ISSPP) research and findings to this date.

2. New Case Studies

During the session presenters from each country will present their findings from case studies in relationship to:

1. Outline the context of case studies
2. Principal profile
3. How was success measured?
4. To what extent did the principals contribute to the success of the school?
5. What were the key strategies or interventions?
6. Outline key achievements
7. Leadership characteristics, style, philosophy/values.

3. How the new findings fit into the earlier findings

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