

## Principal Comments

*It's the best professional development I've ever had as a principal!*

*Carol Thom, Principal, Stonewall Jackson Middle School,  
Charleston, WV*

*I used to spend a lot of time on discipline and trying to improve parent involvement. Now, we've got a single purpose and focus. The bottom line is student achievement.*

*Mildred Toliver, Principal, S.S. Dillow Elementary School,  
Fort Worth, TX*

*This is the first year out of my 10-year administrative career that I felt as if I was working as an instructional leader and not just as a manager. School Turnaround taught me strategies to put my personal focus and the building's focus on student achievement. It's easy to be a manager and in charge of taking care of the daily problems, but it's very difficult to be an instructional leader.*

*Diane Hutchins, Principal, Washington Middle School,  
Springfield, IL*

*It made me more confident and more accountable. I wasn't afraid to try something new anymore. It was my best year in the three years I've been principal...I felt it brought my staff closer together and they were working with me. I could tell how much the staff appreciated that I was trying to improve our school but also helping them to grow as teachers.*

*I feel like there's nothing that I can't do now!  
Rube Gilbert, Principal, R.E. Kirby Middle School,  
North Forest, TX*



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