



Quote #1

Where this kind of collaborative inquiry has taken hold as part of how a school operates, the atmosphere for teacher commitment and practice shimmers with life and growth. I believe this comes from the difference between having educators at the helm rather than as passengers.

Marjorie Larner



Quote #2

We have an opportunity to blow the lid off school attainment, dramatically and swiftly reduce the achievement gap and enhance the “life chances” of all children, regardless of their economic or social circumstances.

Mike Schmoker, Results Now, 2006



Quote #3

A long line of critics have remarked on the crippling, if unintended, tradition of averting our eyes from what actually goes on in classrooms for the sake of harmony.

Dan Lortie, Judith
Warren Little



Quote #4

Even the best research is a slippery beast, of no value whatsoever until we experiment with it, until we find the right way to integrate into a lesson that gets great assessment results. Best practices don't pay off until they have been implemented and fine tuned. Such efforts need to become the norm of experimentation in schools.

Adapted from Bob Eaker,
*Professional Learning
Communities*



Quote #5

If you can dream
it, you can do it.

Walt Disney



Quote #6

I can think of nothing so conspicuously missing in the effort to improve our schools as the continuous engagement of teachers and principals in constructing visions. The Old Testament tells us that people without vision will perish. Without a vision school people will continue to favor whatever action promises to extinguish a fire more quickly—so that they can move on to the next fire.

Roland Barth



Quote #7

Anything worth
doing is worth
doing slowly.

Mae West



Quote #8

The issue is creating multiple discourse communities for education... Keeping the environment reeking with rich ideas, keeping it stoked, keeping learning opportunities in the water supply.

Milbrey McLaughlin



Quote #9

People without
information cannot act.
People with information
cannot help but act.

Ken Blanchard