

## A NETWORKED APPROACH TO BUILDING LEADERSHIP

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Cohorts

Leaders

5

Trained Educators

Participants

52 300+

## Overview

Over the last five years, the Responsive Math Teaching (RMT) project developed, implemented, and refined a model for developing school-based elementary mathematics instructional leadership. RMT is designed to **build capacity** through:

- Developing a shared understanding of high-quality inclusive math instruction
- Ongoing professional development
- Support for classroom implementation
- Leadership development for sustainability

## Context

- Partnership with a network of 14 K-8 schools in the School District of Philadelphia serving about 5000 students
- In 12 schools, over 97% of students are classified as Economically Disadvantaged
- Half of the schools have over 90% students of color and are in neighborhoods that are disproportionally affected by systemic racism and decades of disinvestment

## **Research Methods**

### **Research Questions**

- How do K-8 teachers learn to take on instructional leadership roles in their schools and across the network?
- How does their leadership capacity develop over time?

### Situative Perspective

Learning as a process of development (Rogoff, 1995) and change in participation in communities of practice (Lave & Wenger, 1991)

### **Data Sources:**

Interviews, video recordings of PD sessions, artifacts (written reflections, lesson plans), analytic memos, surveys

### Analysis:

- Deductive and inductive coding of interviews for instructional vision (Munter, 2015)
- Analysis of video transcripts for *pedagogically productive* talk (Lefstein et al., 2020) and responsive facilitation practices
- Case studies of responsive teacher leadership development in 6 teacher leaders over 5 years

# **Building Sustainable Networked Instructional** Leadership in Elementary Mathematics

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Instructional Leadership Development





## **Additional Findings**

When teachers experience responsive math teaching as learners, they develop a more inclusive instructional vision that centers the students' learning experience. Practice-based PD in combination with Collaborative Lesson Design cycles addressed the "problem of enactment (Kennedy, 1999) by supporting an iterative cycle of building new knowledge and enacting it in the classroom context. Tools and frameworks with common language (such as an instructional model, lesson planning template, coaching protocol) can serve as boundary objects to help transfer learning from the PD to the classroom setting Facilitating discussion around artifacts of teaching involves structuring, eliciting, cultivating, and connecting moves, co-

constructed by leaders and participants, that support pedagogically productive talk (Lefstein et al., 2020)

## Products

### **Tools and Frameworks**

Model for Responsive Math Teaching

- RMT Lesson Planning Template
- RMT Planning and Coaching Protocol
- Framework for Facilitating Discussion of Artifacts of Teaching Framework for Facilitating Productive Struggle

### **Selected Publications**

Ebby, C.B., Hess, B.R., Valerio, J. & Pecora, L. (2023, April). Facilitating collaborative discussions around video artifacts of mathematics teaching. Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago.

Valerio, J. (2023). Investigating synergies and take up when practice-based professional development and collaborative lesson design are used in tandem (Publication No. 30310625) [Doctoral dissertation. University of Pennsylvania] Ebby, C.B., Hess, B.R., & Pecora, L. (2022, April). Developing Teachers' Instructional Vision for Inclusive Math Practice: The Role of Epistemic Experience. Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA.

Ebby, C. B., Hess, B., Pecora, L., & Valerio, J. (2021). "Teaching Them How to Fish": Learning to Learn and Teach Responsively. CPRE WORKING PAPERS Responsive Math Teaching Project (2021). A model for developing sustainable math instructional leadership. CPRE WORKING PAPERS.

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