

Dr. Peter DeWitt



Peter DeWitt (Ed.D.) is a former school principal in Upstate, NY who previously taught elementary school for eleven years. In 2014, he became an independent consultant in order to ultimately have a greater impact on leaders, teachers, students and parents. That year he also added the title of Visible Learning Certified Trainer to his long and accomplished career in partnership with Corwin and Prof. John Hattie. His bestselling book (Corwin Press 2016), *Collaborative Leadership: Six Influences That Matter Most* includes a 3-page Foreword by Prof. Hattie. His next book (Corwin Press 2017), *School Climate: Leading with Collective Efficacy* includes a Foreword by Michael Fullan. *Coaching It Further: Using the Art of Coaching to Improve School Leadership* was published in September 2018. In addition, Peter has a syndicated monthly blog 'Finding Common Ground' published by *Education Week* since 2011 and he is a freelance writer for *Vanguard Magazine*.

Peter has traveled the world, developing content, visiting school sites, influencing policy and presenting with Prof. Hattie at numerous *Visible Learning*/Corwin Institutes. In New Zealand he worked with Cognition Education and Deb Masters, where he spent time visiting *Visible Learning* Schools and meeting with the New Zealand Ministry. Peter has participated in keynotes and facilitated workshops based on Hattie's research for the Council of Chief State School Officials (CCSSO), Teachers College/Columbia University, The Center for Development & Learning (CDL) and internationally including in London (with Sir Michael Barber), Sweden and Denmark. His book *School Climate: Leading with Collective Efficacy* was co-published with the Ontario Principal's Council.

Additionally, Peter has presented at state and national conferences around the U.S. and Canada including the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) Conference in 2012-2015, the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Conference in 2015 and 2016, and Learning Forward 2014-2017. His presentations focus on leadership, school climate, struggling learners, and educational technology as well as safeguarding LGBT students and other social justice topics. Peter sits on the panel of experts for WNBC Universal's Education Nation and is a regular contributor to the BAM Radio Network where he discusses leadership and educational issues.

Peter did his doctoral dissertation on the subject of safeguarding LGBT students at Sage College of Albany and wrote *Dignity for All: Safeguarding LGBT Students*, published by Corwin Press March 2012. In addition to the titles mentioned above, Peter is a consulting editor and visionary for the *Connected Educator Series* (Corwin Press 2014). Peter's *Flipping Leadership Doesn't Mean Reinventing the Wheel* (Corwin Press 2014), the *Connected Educator Series* and *Climate Change: How Do I Foster a More Inclusive School Climate* (ASCD, Fall 2014) were huge successes.

Peter's articles have appeared in education journals at the state, national and international level. He has written for *Principal Magazine*, *Education Week*, *Educational Leadership*, *The Huffington Post*, *ASCD Whole Child*, *Connected Principals*, *Teaching Tolerance*, *Smartblogs*, PBS and *ASCD Express*. He has been interviewed by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), the National Education Association (NEA), the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), PBS, ABCnews.com and many more.