



Meet. Share. Spark Innovation.

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the new school year and a new Spark. We offer these resources to spark conversation and innovation in 15 minutes or less. These “sparks” can be used as food for thought or to engage in conversations among peers. ISACS will be sending Sparks throughout the school year and we hope they will be helpful.

November’s Topic: Building Teacher Leadership

“Teachers who become leaders experience personal and professional satisfaction, a reduction in isolation, a sense of instrumentality, and new learnings - all of which spill over into their teaching. As school-based reformers, these teachers become owners and investors in the school, rather than mere tenants. They become professionals.” Roland Barth

Developing teacher leaders is important to the school culture, teacher retention, collaboration and ultimately, student success. What does it take to be a teacher leader? Leadership can take many forms such as informal leadership from within the classroom, formal leadership roles in the community or changing the landscape of education through daily decision-making. How do you lead within your school?

Videos:



Teacher Leadership
& Collaboration

Liderazgo y colaboración docente

Clip #1: [Teacher Leadership & Collaboration in Denver Public Schools \(Spanish Subtitles\)](#)

Teacher leadership & collaboration: The most successful workplaces are environments that encourage constructive feedback and collaboration throughout the day.

(4:19 minutes)



Clip #2: [Leadership - India Video](#)

Sometimes leadership is the power, commitment, and vision of one.
(2:08 minutes)



Clip #3: [Leading and the Power of the First Follower: Leadership Lessons from Dancing Guy](#)

The role of the “first follower” can be an underappreciated form of leadership.
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We hope these resources provide sparks for conversation.

Regards,

The ISACS Professional Services Committee & the ISACS Professional Development Team

PAST SPARKS

Please visit www.isacs.org/ISACSSpark to view all previous ISACS Sparks.

This email has been sent to heads of school, division heads, assistant/associate heads, deans of faculty, deans of studies, directors of professional development, and ISACS teacher representatives.