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Hello, I'm Kirk Konecki, CEO and Superintendent of the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District. And I'm Dr. Melissa Stewart, Chief Academic Officer here at Indian Hill Schools. We're excited to welcome you to this professional learning module focused on systems-level leadership. At Indian Hill, we operate as a comprehensive people organization. That means hundreds, sometimes even thousands of professionals rely on effective leadership systems that guide, support, and align their work. That alignment doesn't happen by accident.

It's driven by intentional relationships, particularly those between the superintendent, board members, and the chief financial officer. These relationships are not just critical, they're foundational to the health and success of the entire system. Our leadership starts and ends with how we communicate, and more importantly, how we choose to build those relationships routinely, intentionally, and consistently.

That mindset is what ultimately impacts student success. When leaders lean out instead of leaning in, systems suffer. Roles become unclear, agendas begin to conflict, cultures start to erode.

That's why clarity of vision around roles and responsibilities isn't optional, it's essential. As the CEO, it's my role to serve not only as the operational leader for all employees, but also as a trusted advisor and consultant to our board and CFO. We must set the vision, then steward it every single day.

In this module, we'll explore a framework to help you reflect on how you lead across systems. You'll learn how to identify your key relationships, develop clear structures, and ensure your leadership adds value everywhere it's needed. So let's get started.

Together, we'll walk through how to apply a systems approach that ensures your leadership has the greatest possible impact on your team, your organization, and most importantly, the children you serve. We're glad that you're joining us. Let's lead with purpose.

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As we close this learning series, I want to leave you with a core principle that guides everything we do at Indian Hill. Intentional, routine, consistent. When leaders act with intention on a routine and with consistency, it sends a powerful message to everyone in your organization that your leadership is grounded, thoughtful, and trustworthy.

These actions by the CEO and by every member of the cabinet signal to all shareholders that you are capable of creating a vision, supporting all audiences, and most importantly, maintaining trust. And part of maintaining that trust means being crystal clear about who owns the vision.

That's right.

The community owns the vision. Our job is to bring that vision to life through systems, strategy, and communication. And that includes consistently communicating the mission while everyone in the organization shares that responsibility.

It's understood that the CEO is expected to cast to the vision clearly, repeatedly, and with purpose. Great leaders don't just start with feedback. They carry it through every stage.

Start with feedback, take feedback throughout, and finish with feedback. And that feedback has to be planned. Embrace it through intentional listening engagements, especially with the board president and board members.

When people feel heard, they stay connected to the work. The most successful leaders I know have one thing in common. They're great listeners.

They lead with humility, with courage, and with clarity. So as you step forward, take these systems and tools with you and use them to build cultures of excellence in your organizations. Thank you for learning with us. And thank you for leading with purpose.