# Implementing Principal Evaluation Systems

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#### An Effective Principal in Every School

Research-based, valid, and reliable principal evaluation systems

- useful information and support
- various contexts
- improves leadership, teaching, & student results







#### Implementation Challenge

"...we've got the plan...
we've got the
paperwork...we just don't
follow through..."

(District Superintendent)

"It's sometimes a choice between rolling out something quickly that's almost surely going to be flawed ... or going about it gradually, and maybe never getting a full implementation."

(Russ Whitehurst)







#### Research on Implementation

Loose link to standards

Context is important

Based on criteria not outcomes

Variety of methods to analyze performance

Lack valid and reliable evidence

Beginning to focus on instructional leadership

Subjective and political

Trained evaluators

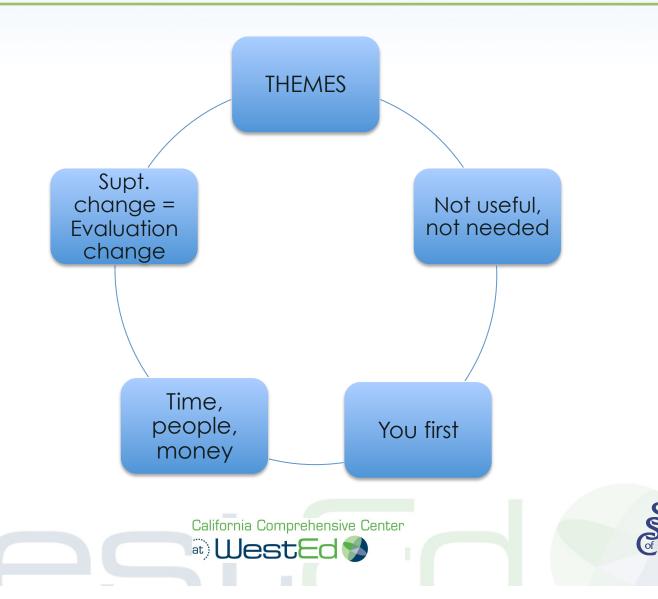
Clear expectations <u>and</u> collaborative process



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#### Challenges to Implementation - Practitioners



### Key Features – WHY Evaluate

- 1. Clear Purpose
  - 2. Student Achievement Mission
    - 3. Professional Growth
      - 4. District Policy (Federal Requirement)







### Key Features – WHAT to Evaluate

- 5. Clear Expectations
  - 6. Leadership Research and Standards
    - 7. Principal Participation







#### Key Features – HOW to Evaluate

8. Multiple Forms of Data

9. Technically Sound Information

10. Ongoing Processes







### Key Features – How cont.

- 11. Adaptable Procedures
- 12. Trained Evaluators (and Principals)
- 13. System Review and Accountability







#### Successful Implementation Happens When:

# The principal evaluation system is sound and personally fits the district –

Purposeful and Clear

Feasible

Information-based

Technically sound and legally defensible







#### Resources

#### Comprehensive Principal Evaluation Systems

through research, description, examples, and tools

http://www.schoolsmovingup.net/effectiveprincipals







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