

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTING ON A YEAR OF LEARNING

This Year:

- What did I do?
- What impact did I have on individuals, teams, sites and students?
- What impact did I have on systems? Can I see any systems that might have shifted (even just a little bit) as a result of my work?
- What did I learn? What did I learn about coaching? About myself? About adult learners? About students? About education?
- What evidence—or artifacts—do I have for any of these learnings or impacts?

Summer:

- What are my hopes and intentions for this summer?
- How can this summer help me lay the foundations for next year? What could I do this summer that might help me be even more effective next year? (Including making time for rest, rejuvenation and relaxation!)
- Are there any professionally-related books I want to read? Conferences to attend? Webinars to take? On-line courses to explore?

August/Fall:

- Which relationships do I really want to establish when I get back in fall?
- What are the steps I'll take to do this?
- What do I really want to remember when I return to my office in August? How will I remember?
- How do I want to present myself in the fall? To staff, individuals, teams? What might I say that communicates who I am, what my role is, what my vision is for coaching and my work, and how I view our work transforming schools?
- How do I want my principal to reintroduce me in the fall? What do I want him/her to say? How can I let my principal know what I want him/her to say?
- What do I want to discuss or agree upon with my administrators? When will I have these conversations? What will I say?

Next School Year:

- How might I shift my work next year? My coaching, PD delivery, team facilitation, etc.?
- What might I focus on for my own professional learning next year? What's my next area of growth? And what's the data that indicates that this needs to be so?
- What do I want to commit to and hold myself to, that is within my sphere of control? Do I want to attach dates to any of these commitments?
- Who do I want to be next year? For myself, my school community, my family...
- Are there any personal commitments I want to make? (To my health, learning, community, etc.)
- What do I hope next year might bring? What intentions could I set?
- And what can I do right now to set these hopes and intentions in motion?